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MOVE TO REVITALISF CONGRESS

Changes Likely In Constitution

AICC & EXECUTIVE MEET TOMORROW

NEW DELHI, February 14.

PLANS TO TIGHTEN UP THE CONGRESS ORGANISATION WILL CONSTITUTE THE PRINCIPAL AGENDA FOR THE FORTHCOMING TWO-DAY SPECIAL SESSION OF THE A.I.C.C. AS WELL AS THE CONGRESS WORKING COMMITTEE WHICH WILL MEET HERE ON FEBRUARY 16 AT 9 A. M. AT THE RESIDENCE OF SARDAR PATEL.

While discussing the organisational matters, the Committee is likely to consider the various disputes and rivalries amongst groups of Congressmen in States: particularly, the U. P. Congress dispute culminating in the expulsion of two M.L.As.

The Congress Executive during its last sitting decided to convene the special A.I.C.C. session to consider certain changes in the Congress constitution which have been rendered necessary in the working of it. The recent enrolment of lakhs and lakhs of 'qualified' and 'effective' members was found to be a "fraud upon the Congress constitution."

The present Constitution of the Congress, it may be recalled, was adopted in April 1948 by the A.I.C.C., and was afterwards approved as amended, by the plenary session of the Jaipur Congress. The Constitution provides for primary members, qualified members and effective members. Over three crores of primary members have been enlisted this year in all Congress Provinces. Information available at the A.I.C.C. Secretariat shows that lakhs and lakhs of qualified members have been enrolled, and that almost every 'qutlified' member was enrolling himself as an "effective" member.

ELECTIONS

The reason for such a state of affairs is stated to be quite contrary to the object which the framers of the Constitution had in view. One reason for such malpractices is the existence of keen personal differences among certain Congressmen. The second is the attempt to capture the Congress machinery by spending money for enlisting 'qualified' and 'effective' members, because every effective member will be a voter for the election of the delegates to the Indian National Congress and of the member of all Congress committees except the village Congress Panchayat. The rush is all the greater this year because the new P.C.C.'s will have a direct hand in the selection of Congress candidates to the legislatures in the forthcoming general elections.

This new problem arising out of enrolment of different categories of membership was worrying the Congress High Command and in order to retain the democratic character of the national organisation and safeguard it from being adversely affected, the special session of the A.I.C.C. has been called.

From reports received at the A.I.C.C. Secretariat, not even ten per cent of the newly-enrolled qualified and effective members satisfied the conditions prescribed in that behalf in the Constitution.

"The only check to such enrolment, provided in the Constitution is through the credential committees. The credential committees cannot possibly cope with the work of verification of lakhs of members as to whether they are habitual wearers of khadi etc., or not. It will be only possible and that at a later stage, after the elections to the village Congress panchayats are over, to check the credentials of the elected panchayatdars and if they are not qualified, to disqualify them then," authoritative sources state.

In order to avoid such confusion in membership, which could not "natural-

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Four Years After The War

TOKYO, February 14.

EIGHT Japanese ex-soliders, who found out four years afterwards that the war had ended, have arrived back in a Japan they had never expected to see again.

The men had lived deep in the jungles of New Guinea on a diet of potatoes and field mice.

Their unit, attached to the 238th Japanese Division, was almost wiped out at Finschafen, Eastern New Guinea. The survivors retreated to Madang where they suffered further losses by malaria.

Five, months later, the remnants finally found refuge with friendly natives, in the mountain jungles 100 miles from Madang.

Discovered by native police last September the men learned for the first time the war was over.—P.T.I.-Reuter.

CHURCHILL PROMISES

LONDON, Feb. 14, (PTI-Reuter): Conservative leader Mr. Winston Churchill today hinted that if he again became Prime Minister after the general election on February 23, he would personally approach Marshal Stalin "in a supreme effort" to try to end the cold war.

Tougher Opposition

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Feb. 14.

The Tories, it is believed, will produce a red herring from their bag a few days before the polling. Meanwhile, Lord Woolton, the Tory boss, has asked candidates to announce him at meetings only a short time before his arrival: perhaps he is afraid of heckling. Attendance at election meetings has fallen greatly giving a headache to all the candidates.

As the battle increases in intensity it becomes more and more clear that Mr. Churchill is not taking his victory for granted. He has asked his followers to "hold the home base", while he tours the country canvassing votes with his cigar and rhetoric. The efficient Tory party machine is taking all known safety measures regarding Mr. Churchill's seat which this time is being contested by Labour, Liberal and Communist candidates. In the last election when Winston stood at the summit of fame, he was unopposed by Labour, but a Liberal 'freak' candidate to everybody's surprise polled 10,000 votes.

'Pressure Politics' On Kashmir Issue

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14.

ANOTHER pressure politics bid to coerce India to accept McNaughton proposals is envisaged here. —Advices received here show that a concrete attempt is likely to be made at Lake Success to push through these proposals and thereby put India in the wrong court.

The Anglo-U.S. bloc is visibly perturbed over the daily deteriorating Indo-Pakistan relations. By violent speeches and press and radio propaganda, Pakistan apparently has succeeded in creating a smokescreen that if its own solution of Kashmir issue was not accepted forthwith, it would not be able to restrain a second invasion of Kashmir.

This, coupled with the self-sought invitation to Moscow by Pakistan's Prime Minister, appears to have had the desired effect of completely unnerving British and American statesmen, who judge the entire issue in the context with their own anti-Soviet strategy.

Notwithstanding the fact that not a single Muslim country declared war against Communism with United States last year, it is fondly hoped that Pakistan is the sole bastion against Communism in the East. India's position has been made abundantly clear during the last fortnight. The Prime Minister has unequivocally declared that India would not invade any country, but would fight to the last if she were attacked or invaded.

And the battle of Kashmir was no picnic. At least tribesmen know it. As for the McNaughton proposals they are dead, so far as India is concerned. India will not even look at them. The obstinacy of America over Nationalist China has already created a crisis in the United Nations. Anglo-U.S. attempts to push through McNaughton proposals in Security Council are bound to add to this crisis. India will not accept them, it is asserted here.

EGYPTIAN ENVOYS TO CONFER

CAIRO: The Kashmir question may be discussed at a Cairo meeting of Egyptian ambassadors from the main capitals, according to Mohamed Fawzy Bey, Egypt's permanent United Nations Representative, says a P.T.I. message.

The newspaper "Al Misri", mouthpiece of the Wafdist Government, said today that Egypt would maintain her policy of "wait and see" but would "continue mediation in an unofficial way".

Informed circles here believe that Egypt will lose no opportunity of using her good offices to solve the Indo-Pakistani dispute over Kashmir.

There was no official indication, however, that she would offer her services as a mediator.

Legislator Says Madras Prohibition A Failure

ILLICIT DISTILLATION NOW A "COTTAGE INDUSTRY"

MADRAS, February 14, (PTI).

IN the Madras Council (Upper House) today, Dr. V. K. John, leader of the Opposition, stated that the Council of Ministers had not done anything substantially "for the promotion of the welfare of the common man". The prohibition scheme of the Government had proved a "total failure". he said.

Saying that illicit distillation had become a cottage industry in the State, Dr. John asked Government to sell diluted liquor to the people so that Government could get revenue. In England, beer and other "poor man's drinks"—barring whisky and champagne—were sold to the public after dilution which prevented people from getting "drunk."

Dr. John was moving an amendment to a motion thanking the Governor for his address to the Legislature. Replying to the debate, Dr. T. S. S. Rajan, Public Health Minister and leader of the House, refuted the criticism that prohibition had proved a failure. Government would not be party to selling "diluted drinks" to the people, he said. The prohibition scheme had put money in the poor man's pocket and Government would "battle" illicit distillations of toddy by taking action against such distillers.

Dr. John did not press his amendment and the original thanks motion was passed.

FIX DATE FOR TRANSFER

Chandernagore Demand

CHANDERNAGORE, Feb. 14.

THE Chandernagore Municipal Assembly, at its meeting today, adopted a resolution demanding from the French Government an announcement by March 15, fixing a definite date for the transfer of Chandernagore to India. On their failure to do so, the resolution stated, "final steps for the assertion of freedom will be taken in the next extraordinary session at the end of March."

The House also drew the attention of the Government of India for the implementation of the wishes of the people as expressed through the referendum according to the joint declaration of France and India in July last

P. M. WATCHES THE KIDS AT PLAY

Pandit Nehru at the Montessori School, Pilani, which he visited early this week.

CEMENT FOR PROVINCES

Largest Share For Bombay

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14 (UPI).

A QUOTA of 5,000 tons of cement for the month of January 1950 has been placed at the disposal of the Ministry of Rehabilitation for allocation to Provinces and States who have housing schemes under execution for displaced persons. According to the allocations made by the Ministry of Rehabilitation, Bombay gets the largest share of 1,800 tons, East Punjab and U.P. coming next with 1,000 tons. each West Bengal has been given 500 tons.

A quota of 3,50,000 feet of G.I. Pipes and fittings for the month of January 1950, has also been placed at the disposal of the Ministry of Rehabilitation which has been allocated for rehabilitation schemes in Delhi, Faridabad, Madhya Pradesh, Bombay, PEPSU and Uttar Pradesh.

Since the scheme for assisting Provinces and States with construction materials for rehabilitation projects was instituted last year, the Ministry of Rehabilitation has distributed 34,000 tons of steel, more than 5,000 tons of A.C.C. sheets and 17,00,000 feet of G.I. pipes and fittings.

Movement Control To End

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14.

The Ministry of Industry and Supply of the Government of India have decided to remove the movement control in the country, on imported cement now lying at the Indian harbours, it is reliably learnt here today.

DAMODAR VALLEY AUTHORITY

Rs. 14 Lakhs Spent On Plans!

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14: Parliament is expected to debate on the working of Damodar Valley Authority, it is learned. The Government is not happy over its working. Designing of its smallest dam should illustrate the point.

The first designs by the authority, it is believed, cost Rs. 10 lakhs. They were rejected by a French Firm, which was engaged to redesign the plans at an estimated cost of Rs. 4 lakhs. These plans were rejected by a Swiss Firm, which has now been engaged to prepare designs at a cost of Rs. 11 lakhs.

In other words, Rs. 14 lakhs have already been spent and the authority has entered into commitments for a further sum of Rs. 11 lakhs to prepare designs for the smallest dam. Meanwhile three American experts at a salary of Rs. 5,500 a month have already been engaged and two others are being engaged.

One o these experts is a building engineer and other is an expert on personnel. The overhead charges of the authority come to about 16 per cent as against four per cent of the Hirakund project One view here is that the first experimen' of an autonomous body for th. river development has not been very satisfactory and it is time that the Government scrapped the authority and took over the management themselves

The affairs of the pre-fabricated house factory are also to come up for debate during the budget session, it is learned. The capital cost of the factory is slowly moving beyond the original estimates and the cost of a house, when ready may become equal to brick and cement house, it is generally apprehended here.

INQUIRY INTO SALEM FIRING

3-Man Tribunal To Be Set Up

100 RED PRISONERS GO ON HUNGER-STRIKE

MADRAS, Feb. 14, (PTI).

MR. MADHAVA MENON, Minister for Education in charge of Prisons, Madras announced today that Government had decided to appoint a three-man non-official Tribunal to enquire into the jail incident at Salem and whether firing was justified or not.

He said a retired High Court judge would be appointed as Chairman of the Tribunal. A lawyer and a retired executive official would be the other two members.

Mr. Madhava Menon, who returned here after making an "on-the-spot investigation", chose not to give his own views about the justification or otherwise of the firing as he thought the Tribunal to be appointed should not be prejudiced in any way.

The Minister said that one more Communist convicted prisoner had died, bringing the total number of deaths of Communist prisoners to 22. Hundred and three prisoners were now undergoing treatment in the hospital, and out of them the conditions of four or five were still "very very precarious."

He said there were 220 Communist prisoners, most of them belonging to Malabar, convicted for various offences. There were some convicted non-Communist prisoners also in the jail, but none of them was either killed or injured.

JAILOR INJURED

The Minister said that the jailor Mr. Krishnan Nair who went to the jail to pacify the prisoners was attacked by them. Mr. Nair had received a "gushing wound" on the head and fractures on both his hands. He was still unconscious in the hospital and was in a very precarious condition.

Mr. Menon said that he also visited the injured Communist prisoners treated in the Salem Hospital.

HUNGER-STRIKE

About hundred Communist convicted prisoners in Salem Central Jail have gone on hunger-strike protesting against the opening of fire in the jail resulting in 22 deaths and injuries to 103 on Saturday last according to a report from Salem received here today. No official confirmation of the hunger-strike is available here.

The Salem report added that the police have registered a case against "the Communist prisoners under the Indian Penal Code for rioting and causing hurt."

Lt.-Col. G. S. Gill, Inspector-General of Prisons, who returned to Madras today from Salem, stated the Communist prisoners had "chosen the most unguarded moment to pounce on jail officials who were forced to resort to firing." "If some of the jail staff who were severely belaboured did not die it was not because Communists did not do a full job but because of Providence," Lt.-Col. Gill added.

The Inspector-General stated that he would be submitting a report to the Government on the incident shortly The next of kin of the prisoners who had died had been informed, he said

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King George To Visit Australia

CANBERRA, Feb. 14 (PTI): King George and Queen Elizabeth may visit Australia in the spring of 1952, the Australian Prime Minister Mr. R. G. Menzies, announced here today. It would not be possible for them to make the trip in 1951, he added.

WE WILL NOT DO IT HERE

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14 (PTI): Before Parliament resumed legislative business today, Mr. Rohini Kumar Chaudhari (Assam) wanted to know why the Speaker was absent.

In the House of Commons the Clerk was required to give the reason for the Speaker's absence and the same convention should be followed here, he said.

The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, who was in the Chair, said that there was no need for creating a convention of that kind in the Indian Parliament.

U.S. AID TO S.-E. ASIA

Talks Begin In Bangkok

BANGKOK, Feb. 14.

ESTABLISHMENT of liaison between the United States and the Commonwealth for co-ordinated economic aid to South-East Asia was discussed today by the 17 American diplomats and Asia mission chiefs meeting here.

Sources close to the three-day conference, began yesterday, said the United States diplomatic representative from Japan urged conclusion of an early peace treaty as a means of stimulating Japanese political responsibility and productive initiative for the benefit of all South-East Asia.

After today's session a conference delegate said the economic aid plan for Asia projected at the recent Commonwealth Conference in Colombo was considered by the Americans to be the most practical so far put forward for development of under-developed areas under President Truman's "Point Four."

The Conference said in an official communique: "Views were exchanged concerning ways in which the desired co-ordination between the 'Point Four' programme and the United Nations programme and the programmes of any other governments or of the Commonwealth could be achieved.

"The Conference also discussed administrative problems involved in the 'Point Four' programme from the point of view of operations in the field and their relation to administration of the programme in Washington."

SITUATION QUIET IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, Feb. 14.—A Central Peace Committee was formed in Calcutta today at a meeting of leaders of different shades of public opinion held here under the auspices of the West Bengal P.C.C., Dr. P. C. Ghosh, member of the Congress Working Committee presided.

Except for a few incidents reported from the north-eastern parts of the city till afternoon, quiet prevails everywhere and life is normal in Calcutta today.

Of the four principal affected areas, namely, Manicktolla, Beliaghata, Amherst Street and Entally police stations two cases of stabbing and half a dozen cases of burning of vacant houses have been reported in the first and in the second there was one case of arson. The other two are quiet.

The Working Committee of the East Pakistan Muslim League today appealed to the Muslims of East Bengal to maintain peace in the Province. It appealed to Muslim League workers to help restore normal conditions in Dacca and organise help and assistance to the people affected by the disturbances.

IN DACCA

A press note issued tonight by the East Bengal Government on the situation in Dacca said: "Dacca and suburbs continued to remain completely quiet last night and throughout today. There were no incidents at all and conditions in the town are rapidly returning to normal."

Four persons have so far succumbed to the injuries in yesterday's disturbances at Qarimganj (Assam).

Target For Aluminium

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14: The Target Committee for the aluminium industry formed with the representatives of the industry in pursuance of the recommendations of the Standing Committee of the Central Advisory Council of Industries held its first meeting in Calcutta recently and on the basis of the production figures of 1948 and 1949, fixed a target of 3,550 tons for the current year.

Some of the difficulties mentioned in the way of achieving this target are inadequate supply of electric power, slow movement of petroleum coke through Pakistan, and inadequate allotment of petrol for plying lorries of the manufacturers for transporting bauxite.

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TENDERS ARE INVITED for the printing of 1,200 copies each of the Quinquennial Report on Public Instruction in Bombay for 1942-47 and of its Supplement. Copies of the Report and its Supplement should be ready for delivery on or before 15th May, 1950.

2. Detailed specifications and other particulars are given in the Tender Form which can be had from the office of the Director of Public Instruction, Poona, on the payment of Rs. 2|- per Tender Form. The manuscripts of the Report and of its Supplement are available for inspection at the office of the Director of Public Instruction, Poona, on working days during office hours. The sealed Tender Form superscribed "Annual Report" accompanied by a Chalan from a Government Treasury for Rs. 250|- paid into that Treasury as earnest money must reach the Director of Public Instruction Poona, by 2 p.m. on Monday February 27th, 1950. at the latest.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED that Mr. KANTILAL VALLABHBHAI PATEL has joined as a partner on and from 1st January 1950 in the firm of Messrs. Apaji Amin & Co., Chartered Accountants, Bombay and Ahmedabad.

APAJI AMIN & CO.,
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NOTICE.

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2. The prescribed tender form with conditions of contract can be obtained from the office of the undersigned, on payment of Rs. 5|- The last date for the receipt of tenders is 14 hours on 6th March, 1950.

3. The work is required to be completed within 12 months from the date of acceptance of the tender.

4. The amount of earnest money to be deposited is Rs. 10,000|-.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE

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Dated this 14th day of February, 1950.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC is hereby informed that Mohamad Ismail Sadik has retired from the business of the partnership firm of ETTEHADIA & CO. being carried on at Princess Building, J. J. Hospital Junction and has no concern or interest in the same and that my clients, Messrs. Alimohamad Hajee Nasrullah Kazerani and Mohamad Husain Pakzad shall continue the said business of ETTEHADIA & CO. as partners in EQUAL shares as from 1st February, 1950.

VAFADAR K. IRANI,
Advocate, High Court.
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that YUSUFALLY NOORMAHOMED has agreed to sell to one of our clients as a going concern his business of RUBY SHOE CO. carried in Shop No. 3 of Sattar Building, No. 176, Grant Road, Opposite Grant Road Railway Station, Bombay. Any person, who claims to be interested in any way in the said business and/or objects to the sale thereof is required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned within one week.

Dated this 13th day of February, 1950.

VACHHA & CO
Attorneys-at-Law

Yusuf Building,
Churchgate Street, Bombay 1.

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AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF 3 VALUABLE VACANT PIECES OF LAND AT CLEAVELAND ROAD, WORLI AND WORLI KOLIWADA ROAD.

Under instructions from the Court Receiver, Bombay, as Receiver in Suit No. 4992 of 1922 (Ammabai vs Shamsuddin) M/s. BENNETT & CO. will sell by Public auction on WEDNESDAY, 8th March, 1950 at 4 P.M. (S.T.) on the premises:

SCHEDULE I — Vacant land about 678 sq. yds. at Cleaveland Road, Worli, Street No. 340A part & 340B and bounded on North by Improvement Trust property, South by a 10 feet passage leading from Cleaveland Road to Durga, West by Durga, and East by Cleaveland Road.

SCHEDULE II — Firstly land about 493 sq. yds. at Worli Koliwada Road, and bounded on North by a passage, South by a 10 feet passage leading to Durga, West by Durga and East by Worli Koliwada Road.

SECONDLY — Vacant land about 903 sq. yds. at Worli and bounded on North by a 10 feet passage leading to Durga, South and West by Municipal Property and East by Worli Koliwada Road.

For particulars and conditions of sale apply to M/s Nandlal and Co., Attorneys for the Court Receiver or to the undersigned.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY AT GRANT ROAD, NEAR MERWANJI PATEL'S FIRE TEMPLE.

Under instructions from M/s. Tyabjee Dayabhai & Co., Attorneys for the mortgages Bai Verbai widow of Pragji Govindji and daughter of Thakar Premji Harji and others, the Trustees of the Deed of Settlement, dated 12th November, 1937 and on account and at the risk of Bai Aimai Ratanji Burjorji Ukaji and pursuant to the Powers reserved to the Trustees under the Mortgage dated 21st August, 1939, M/s BENNETT & CO. will sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY, 7th March, 1950 at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.) on the premises:—

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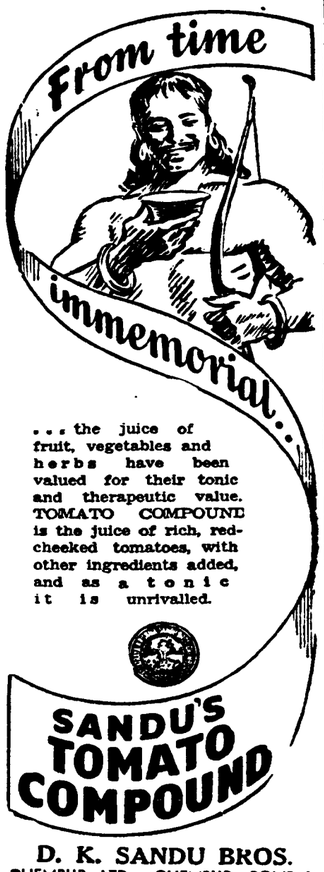

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SUBURBS DEMAND FRESH CIVIC ELECTIONS

Delay In Amending City Municipal Act

(From Our Correspondent)
VILE PARLE, Feb. 14.

THE first session of the Bombay Legislative Assembly for the current year commences on Friday next, but the agenda which was issued during the week-end, does not contain any mention of the proposed bill to amend the Bombay City Municipal Act by which the suburban area upto Jogeshwari on the B.B. line and Bhandup on the G.I.P. line are to be merged with the city.

It appears that the details of the draft bill have not been finally settled. The most complicated item is the method of choosing the new members from the suburban areas. While Government had intended to nominate all of them following the procedure adopted in the case of the mergers of several Indian States with Bombay, opinion seems to be hardening in the suburbs against such practice. Election is, therefore, the only practicable solution. Whether the present members of the suburban municipalities are to be asked to chose their representatives of fresh elections will be held is a point not yet decided upon by Government. Hence the delay in publishing the draft bill.

INTENSE ACTIVITY

In the meantime, suburban residents have not allowed grass to grow under their feet. Associations and civic leagues are being formed to safeguard their interests. A Civic Association was formed at Andheri on Sunday at a meeting held under the chairmanship of Mr. Chunilal Barfivala, the Director of the Local Self-Government Institute. The meeting passed a resolution—demanding at least seven seats on the Greater Bombay Corporation on the basis of population and area as against only three provided in the draft bill. It also warned Government against any attempt to increase the taxes without providing corresponding civic amenities. At Santa Cruz, a public meeting was held on Saturday night at which a resolution was adopted demanding—adequate representation for their area through direct elections. A five-man committee was appointed to carry on a vigorous—campaign for the implementation of the resolution.

IN KURLA

In Kurla, where the municipality has been suspended for some time now the position seems to be obscure. The old members who have been dismissed for gross neglect of duty cannot be called upon to elect among themselves seven members to represent that area. It is also very odd to ask the official Administrator to recommend any names for nomination. The only alternative seems to be to order a fresh elections before the 31st of March and take the verdict of the electorate.

Citizens of Kurla assembled in a public meeting on Sunday in large numbers and demanded elected seats on the Greater Bombay Corporation to represent their area. The Chairman Mr. Adam Adil asked them to resist any encroachment on their fundamental right to elect their own representatives.

MUNICIPALITY FOR MULUND

The agitation carried on by the citizens of Mulund and particularly by the Mulund Residents' Association to secure an elected Municipality in place of the present Notified Area Committee has borne fruit. Government has already issued a proclamation that it is its intention to grant a District Municipality to the town and invited objections thereon. They are now considering an appropriate date for the necessary announcement. The Chairman of the Notified Area Committee has been asked by the Collector to make the necessary preparations to hand over charge of his Committee to the new Municipality and prepare an electoral roll to enable the new Board to functon in a couple of months' time.

The Mulund Residents' Association has also been urging on the Government of Bombay to include Mulund in the Greater Bombay Scheme as in ther opinion, the socio-economic life of its population which is fairly cosmopolitan in character, is interlinked with the city of Bombay.

The Village Punchayet, the District Congress Committee, the Property Holders' Association and numerous other local organisations have joined in the move and voiced their opposition to the proposed exclusion of Mulund from Greater Bombay. A Campaign Committee has also been formed to agitate for the inclusion of their town in the new merger.

H.M.S. Mauritius Arriving In Bombay

BOMBAY, Tuesday: H.M.S. "Mauritius" is due to reach Bombay on February 17 and will remain here till February 25. She will be berthed alongside No. 19, Alexandra Docks. The ship will be open to visitors in organised parties on Saturday February 18, Sunday February 19 and Tuesday February 22 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Passes will be issued by the Navy Office, Mint Road, Bombay

Refugee Relief In Kashmir

JAMMU, Feb 13 (PTI): The Government of India has sanctioned Rs. 42 lakhs to aid rehabilitation of refugees in Jammu and Kashmir, it is authoritatively learnt here.

A Rehabilitation Board has been set up in Jammu consisting of representatives of the Governments of India and Kashmir to go into the question of rehabilitating thirty-two thousand refugees, who are now living in four camps run by the Central Rehabilitation Ministry.

CITY BUSINESSMEN SENTENCED

Violated Textile Control Order

BOMBAY, Tuesday

Mr. J. M. Barot, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Court, today convicted three businessmen on charges under the Textile Control Order.

Punamchand Chhotalal and Jamnadas G. Thakkar, partners in the firm of Messrs. P. J. Parekh and Company, imported three cases of 'punji' cloth from the United Kingdom and did not get the material stamped by the Provincial Textile Controller. They also disposed of the cases without securing a release order from the Textile Commissioner.

Ramswarup Baburam, a businessman from Delhi, who had entered into a forward contract with the Punamchand and Jamnadas, disposed of the cloth to certain merchants in the city.

The first accused contended that the order for the goods was made on behalf of Baburam and that on landing of the goods in port the Textile Controller as well as the Commissioner were informed of the contract with Baburam. Jamnadas pleaded that he was not aware of the transaction.

The third accused Baburam pleaded that he was made a tool in the hands of Messrs Parekh and Company and that he did not understand the full implications of the deal.

Punamchand was convicted and sentenced to four months R.I. and a fine of Rs. 10,000 in default six months R.I. for failing to get the cloth stamped by the Textile Controller. On the second count of having disposed of the cloth without a release order, he was sentenced to four months R.I. and a fine of Rs. 2,000 in default two months' R.I.

Jamnadas was sentenced to one day's S.I. and a fine of Rs. 1,000 in default four months S.I. on the first count and one day's S.I. and a fine of Rs. 100 in default one month's S.I. on the second count.

Baburam was sentenced to two months' R.I. and a fine of Rs. 2,000 in default six months' R.I. for abetting the offence.

IMPROVE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Mr. Vyas' Appeal To Rajasthanis

BOMBAY, Tuesday

"We should not take a serious view of the pending cases against us, but we should devote our attention towards the problems of the people of Rajasthan and try to improve the economic, social and political condition of Rajasthan. It is a regretable fact that inspite of our best efforts, the present Rajasthan Government has created a situation in Rajasthan over which every one seems to be perturbed" said Mr. Jainarayan Vyas, President of the Rajasthan Provincial Congress Committee and ex-Premier of Jodhpur while addressing Rajasthanies at a reception held at Marwari Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Vyas said that we should not quit the Congress at the present opportunity but try to serve the people of Rajasthan through Congress.

Mr. Vyas told the meeting that any decision to divide Sirohi or integrate it with Bombay Province should be taken after consulting the people of Sirohi.

Speaking next Mr. Mathuradas Mathur Ex-Education Minister Joanpur said that today Rajasthan is faced with many problems and everywhere people and local Self-government institutions are being forced to present welcome addresses to the Rajasthan Ministers.

STUDY OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Appeal To University

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

"The need for the setting up of a Foreign Languages Academy is as important and as essential as any other projects. If India is to come on a par with the progressive West", said Dr. N. K. Gharpure, M.A., Ph.D. (Germany), addressing the Annual Social Gathering of the German Seminar of the Khalsa College. "There is also a imperative need to create special Chairs in the various universities in India for important foreign languages," he added.

"Among the Foreign languages, German language stands foremost. It is one of the finest literatures in the world. All the advancements in Science, medicine, music are the products of this precious literature. Sanskrit scholars go to Germany to study Comparative Philology," he added.

Earlier, Prof. Wadgaonkar of Khalsa College narrated the difficulties experienced among the Intermediate Arts students to do full justice to the two texts prescribed by the University for German. He pleaded that German was taught in Bombay from the University stage only, and it was extremely difficult to come up to the expected standard in two years period. He appealed to the University authorities to investigate into the circumstances and view liberally in prescribing the syllabus.

GROUNDNUT OIL EXPORT

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Saurashtra Government's announcement of a ban on the export of groundnut oil out of the State has caused surprise in the oil and oilseeds trade circles in Bombay which regard it as inexplicable, writes the P.T.I. City Correspondent

The Saurashtra Government's 'communique,' announcing a ban on the export of both groundnuts and oil, stated on Saturday that the new groundnut crop was estimated at two lakh tons, and the local consumption was 80,000 tons

Trade circles in Bombay state that the maximum crushing capacity of the mills in Saurashtra is 1,50,000 tons, and the usual crushing is of the order of a lakh tons. Since only 55,000 tons of groundnut has been exported so far there is bound to be a surplus of 65,000 tons of either seeds or oil.

The ban on the export of groundnut may be justified as benefitting the millers in the State, but the ban on the export of oil is puzzling, when already the prices of both groundnut and oil have been cheaper in the State than elsewhere in India, and it can only result in making them cheaper still in the State and dearer outside.

Interest On Government Promissory Notes

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A Reserve Bank of India Press Note says: Government promissory notes of the following loans, interest on which falls due for payment during March 1950 will be accepted by the Public Debt Office, Reserve Bank of India, for payment of interest from the 16th February 1950.

Central Government's loans 3% 1951-54, 4 p.c. loan 1960-70 4-1/2 loan 1955-60, 2-3/4 loan 1975, and 3% conversion loan 1946. Provincial Government loans: 3% loan 1955 and 3 p.c. loan 1956.

Holders of these loans are advised to lodge their holdings well in advance of the due dates to facilitate delivery of their securities and interest warrants on the due date. In view of the heavy work involved, the period for delivering securities tendered for payment of interest on the above loan may be extended to four working days.

GOVERNMENT HAS BROKEN PLEDGES TO LABOUR

Mr. Asoka Mehta's Charges

GWALIOR, Feb. 13, (PTI).

MR. ASOKA MEHTA, the Socialist leader advised the Government of Madhya Bharat to change its present labour policy which he said, was far from progressive.

Mr. Mehta who was addressing a press conference here today said the Madhya Bharat Government had prohibited a non-employee from being an office-bearer of the Union of the Government employees. He cited his own example and said that although a non-Government man he was the President of the Bombay Government Employees' Federation which was never objected to by the Government of Bombay.

Stating that the labour policy of the Government of Mysore was not in line with that of the Government of India Mr. Mehta said the Prime Minister had to warn them to remove the handicaps in the way of a free development of labour movement there. He was afraid if the Government of Madhya Bharat did not change its labour policy, the Centre might have to intervene.

FACTS BROKEN

Referring to the tripartite industrial truce between the Government, the employers, and the workers agreed upon in 1947, Mr. Mehta said the workers had kept up their assurances while both the Government and the employers had failed.

He said neither of the two important conditions of fair wages and adequate share in profits was fulfilled although over two years had already passed. Besides, not only the Government of India but also the employers had agreed that no factory would be closed down without a thorough enquiry. But many factories had been closed without any effort being made by the Government to institute an impartial enquiry

Mr. Mehta said that a similar resolution was adopted in regard to the question of retrenchment but that was also not implemented.

As regards the proposed Planning Commission Mr Mehta said that such a commission would not serve any useful purpose till it was properly represented. He regretted that the Government made certain promises, which were either never fulfilled or were inconsistent.

He added if the Government of India continued to pursue the present economic policy which was "disastrous" to the labour he would advise the latter to follow an "aggressive policy."

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Today's Engagements

BOMBAY PROVINCIAL CONGRESS COMMITTEE: Opening of B.P.C.C. Sub-Office at Laxmi Bhuvan, B.B. Dadar, by Mr S. K. Patil. 8 a.m

GIRGAUM DISTRICT CONGRESS COMMITTEE: Unveiling of the portrait of Dr. Rajendra Prasad in the Committee's office, 10 a.m

LECTURE ON "ZARATHUSHTRIAN PRIESTHOOD" by Dasturji Framroze Bode at the Cama Hall, Apollo Street, 6-15 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Question and Answer meeting preceded by short talk on "Meaning of Shiva Ratri" at Jehangir Wadia Building, Flora Fountain 6-15 p.m.

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION ASHRAM, KHAR: Swami Yatishwarananda to speak on "Vedanta in America and Europe" at the Mission Library Hall, 4-30 p.m

ARYA SAMAJ, BOMBAY: Public meeting to celebrate Shivaratri at the Samaj premises at Vithalbhai Patel Road, 6 p.m.

GREATER BOMBAY TENANTS ORGANISATION: A meeting of the Provisional Committee of the Greater Bombay Tenants Organisation will meet at Servants of India Society, Prarthana Samaj, Bombay on 15th Feb. at 9-30 a.m., to consider holding a Conference of the tenants of Bombay with a view to bringing about a merger of the various tenants organisations existing in Bombay. Representatives of all the tenants organisations in the city are cordially invited to attend.

CLASH OVER JAIPUR SESSION FUNDS

What Mr. J. Vyas Expects

BOMBAY, Tuesday (UPI): A major clash on the questions of funds of the Reception Committee of the Jaipur Congress session and of virtual suspension of some municipalities in Jodhpur and Bikaner was likely to ensure between the majority and minority groups in the Rajasthan Provincial Congress Committee at its meeting to be held sometime in the middle of next month.

This was stated by Mr. Jainarayan Vyas, former Premier of Jodhpur, talking to pressmen in Bombay this afternoon.

Mr. Vyas said that out of the all-India contributions, which amounted to about Rs. 60 lakhs, about Rs. 57 lakhs had been spent on the session itself. The balance of Rs. 3 lakhs, he said, which, under Section 14 of the Congress Constitution, was to have been divided between the central organisation and the Provincial Congress Committee, had been promised to the Jaipur Government by the Premier of Rajasthan without consultation with the P.C.C or the Reception Committee.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEE OF PARSI PANCHAYET

An election of a Trustee of the Parsi Panchayet of Bombay to fill the vacancy caused by the death of a Trustee, the late Sir Jehangir Boman Behram will be held on the 18th inst. Dr. K. K. Dadachanji, Late Capt. I.M.S., has filed his Nomination, proposed by Mrs. Bapsey Sabawala, Dr. Dadachanji has issued a manifesto to voters on the Registers of Electors, in the course of which he has recounted the many activities which he has undertaken during the last 40 years for the betterment of the lot of the poor and the needy of the Parsi community.

During the last 50 years, the socio-economic condition of the community has so far deteriorated that in 1900 only 5-10 per cent of the community were dependent on public charity, whilst in 1950 nearly 50 per cent are so dependent. As a remedy, he recommends a Five-Year Plan of Reconstruction of all Parsi charities on modern scientific lines, to ensure social security to the poor and needy of the community.

MR. J. S. KARANDIKAR

VETERAN EDITOR OF MAHARASHTRA

Shri J.S. Karandikar Felicitated

POONA, Feb. 15.

To celebrate the seventy-sixth birthday of Shri Janardan Sakharam Karandikar, a trustee of the Kesari-Mahratta Trust and the ex-Editor of the 'Kesari', Poona, which falls today, his admirers and students have handed over an endowment of Rs. 10,500 to the University of Poona for the award of a Janardan Sakharam Karandikar Commerce Scholarship, and his Oil Portrait to the Kesari-Mahratta Trust.

Further, Shri Karandikar's selected writings and speeches are being brought out in two volumes, the first one of which has been published today. Among the donors to the J. S. Karandikar Scholarship Endowment Fund are His Excellency Shri M. S. Aney, Governor of Bihar, Dr. S. K. Belvalkar, Director of the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Shri Ramrao Deshmukh, India's former Agent-General in South Africa, Shri L. B. Bhopatkar, ex-President of the Hindu Mahabasha, Shri L.K. Kirloskar and S.P. Ogale, leading industrialists of Maharashtra.

Born on 15th February 1875, Shri J. S. Karandikar passed his B.A. examination from the Fergusson College, Poona and his LL.B. examination from the Government Law College, Bombay. In 1906, he joined the Samartha Vidalaya, a national school started by the late Shri Annasahib Vijapurkar.

On the Samartha Vidyalaya being declared illegal in 1910, Shri Karandikar came to Poona and took upon himself to complete secondary school course of his students who otherwise would have been stranded.

Shri Karandikar joined the 'Kesari' as a sub-editor in 1912. He was privileged to work under the late Lokamanya Tilak, Shri. N. C. Kelkar and Shri K.P. Khadilkar. He first became the Editor of the 'Kesari' in 1931 but relinquished the editorship after a year to join the Civil Disobedience Movement. He again became the editor in 1933. He continued in that position till 1946 when he voluntarily retired. He was appointed as a Trustee of the Kesari-Mahratta Trust in 1937 which position he holds to this day.

S. S. C. Examination Board

BOMBAY, Tuesday: Mr. S. S. Bhandarkar, Deputy Director of Public Instruction, has been nominated by the Government of Bombay as a member of the Secondary School Certificate Examination Board, in place of Mr. D. C. Pawate, Director of Public Instruction.

Board Of Historical Records

BOMBAY, Tuesday: Mr. R. G. Gyani, Curator, Archaeological Section, Prince of Wales Museum, Bombay, has been appointed by the Government of Bombay as a member of the Board of Historical Records and Ancient Monuments to represent the Gujarat Research Society.

WOMAN, FOUND GUILTY OF THEFT, BOUND OVER

Magistrate Moved By Pitiable Appeal

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

"I plead guilty, but, forgive me sir, and let thy justice be tempered with mercy" This was the plaintive cry of a young beautiful married woman of 28 Mrs. Walibai Narayandas, who appeared at the Ballard Pier Court this morning, charged with the theft of gold ornaments valued at Rs. 10,320 from the flat of a Gujarati resident of Mint Road.

The woman who was enciente asked the court to consider her advanced stage of pregnancy. She had brought her three children with her, and in asking for the court's clemency she wanted the magistrate to take into consideration this added factor.

Major A. A. Shellim, the Magistrate, after seeing the woman's pitiable plight accepted her plea of guilty and ordered her to be bound over for a period of one year.

The commission of the theft by this respectable young woman of ornaments from the flat of a neighbour, Kapurchand Popatlal, makes a sorrowful story. It appears that Kapurchand who resides at Jaichand Building, Mint Road had invited his nephew Nanalal and his family to a religious ceremony at his house. Along with several other guests came the nephew and his wife and children to participate in the festivities which were to last for a couple of days. But Nanalal as is the custom on such occasion had brought all family jewellery weighing 75 tolas in an attache case, which he kept in his uncle's cupboard. This was only known to the uncle and the nephew, and no one else shared the secret.

After the ceremony was over the guests went out for sight-seeing and other purposes. Only Kantabai an inmate of the house was left in the kitchen. Taking advantage of the situation it was stated the accused came into the flat and had a friendly chat with Kantabai. Kantabai unsuspecting was busy with her cooking As Kantabai was thus engaged, it is stated Mrs. Walibai Narayandas, the accused, opened the cupboard quietly and decamped with the ornaments. The theft was discovered much later and the matter reported to the police, who investigated the matter and recovered the missing ornaments from the flat of Mrs. Walibai.

Tamil Book Forfeited

BOMBAY, Tuesday: The Government of Madras has forfeited to Government every copy, wherever found, of the Tamil book entitled "Savukkadi", written by Shri M. S. Sivswami, printed at the South Indian Litho Press Limited, and published by Kilarchi Pathippakam, Tuticorin, and also all other documents containing its copies or translations.

ISOLATED RAINFALL IN PUNJAB HILLS

All-India Weather

POONA, Feb. 14 (PTI).

The following is the daily weather summary for Tuesday:

A western disturbance lies this morning over the South-West Punjab and West Rajasthan. It is likely to move east-north-eastwards.

Weather has been dry over the country except for isolated falls of rain or snow in the East Punjab Hills.

Night temperatures have risen further over most parts of the country but are still 10-15 F. below normal in West Bengal, Chota Nagpur, the Central Provinces, Madhya Bharat and Vindnya Pradesh.

Forecast valid until Wednesday evening: There will be local light rain or snow in the East Punjab and a few showers in and near the hills of the West United Provinces. Isolated light showers may also occur in the extreme south of the peninsula.

Night temperature will rise appreciably in the East Punjab, North Rajasthan, the West United Provinces, Madhya Bharat and the West Central Provinces.

EARTHQUAKE REPORT: — An earthquake shock of moderate intensity at its origin with epicentre at Lat. 27 N., Longitude 89 E. to the north-west of Dhubri about 1120 miles away from Poona was recorded by the Seismographs in the Meteorological Office, Poona at 12-56 p.m. IST on Monday the 13th February 1950.

The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours with total rainfall from 1st December 1949, and departure from normal recorded at 8 a.m. I.S.T. on 14th February 1950:—

Ahmedabad 84 57 0 0 minus 0.1, Ahmednagar 88 55 0 0 minus 0.6, Bangalore 84 64 0 0 minus 0.7, Baroda 89 45 0 0 minus 0.1, Bhavnagar 85 47 0 0 minus 0.2, Bhopal 78 43 0 0 minus 0.5, Bhuj 80 51 0 0 minus 0.3, BOMBAY 85 65 0 0 minus 0.3, Cherrapunji 46 37 0 3.2 plus 1.4, Gorakhpur 68 45 0 0.9 minus 0.3, Gulbarga 89 65 0 0 minus 0.5, Gwalio 73 37 0 0.1 -, Hanam Konda 84 57 0 0 minus 0.9, Hornai 83 72 0 0 - Honavar 86 67 0 0 -, Hyderabad (Dn.) 87 52 0 0 minus 0.7, Indore 77 43 0 0 minus 0.5, Jaipur 72 44 0 0 minus 0.8, Jamshedpur 77 44 0 0.1, Jubbulpore 76 39 0 0 minus 1.6, Kanpur 70 42 0 0.6 minus 0.6, Kodaikanal 64 47 0 0.4 minus 82, Kolhapur 88 58 0 0 -, Kurnool 9- 60 0 0 minus 0.5, Mahabaleshwar 78 58 0 0 minus 0.5, Mangalore 85 70 0 minus 0.5, Mussoorie 58 40 0 5.7 minus 0.9, Mysore 89 67 0 0 minus 0.6, Ootacamund 69 41 0 0 minus 3.1, Patiala 63 47 0 2.9 -, Poona 89 52 0 0 minus 0.3, Rajkot 85 49 0 0 minus 0.2 Shillong 51 31 0 1.6 plus 0.5 Sholapur 90 59 0 0 minus 0.6, Simla 44 34 T 7.3 plus 2.0, Surat 92 52 0 0 minus 0.3.

LACK OF CIVIC SENSE DEPLORED

A Call To Suburban Travellers

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Railway authorities in an appeal to the press have called upon them to co-operate in promoting the civic sense of the travelling public, especially in avoiding spitting in trains, tresspassing, travelling on foot-boards, disfiguring the station walls, posters or the interior of the carriages, throwing banana skins on the platforms resulting in accidents, and encouragement of begging or hawking in station platforms and trains. They also deplore the lack of queue habit at booking windows and exits and when getting in and out of carriages.

Dental Association: Office Bearers

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Bombay Provincial Branch of the All-India Dental Association held recently in Bombay the following office-bearers were elected for the year 1950:—President: Dr. V. M. Desai, President-elect: Dr. R. D. Umrigar, Vice-Presidents: Dr. M. S. Ginwalla, Dr. C. B. Shroff, Provincial Secy.: Dr. P. V Taraporwala, Joint Secretary: Dr. W. F. Willrow, Treasurer: Dr. K. M. Gandhi

TODAY'S RADIO

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

Air News From Delhi

English 8 a.m. 1-30 p.m., 6, 9; Gujarati 8-45 a.m. 1 p.m. 8-15; Hindustani 8-15 a.m 1-40 p.m 6-10, 9-15; Kannada 7-45 a.m. 7-45 p.m.; Malayalam 7-30 a.m. 7-30 p.m.; Marathi 8-30 a.m. 12-50 p.m. 8; Tamil 7-15 a.m. 7-15 p.m.; Telugu 7 a.m. 1-50 p.m. 7 p.m.

BOMBAY

7-30 a.m. Bhor bhaee, 7-36 Physical education, 7-40 Today's programme, 7-45 P. Trivedi, G. geets, 8-15 Ram Marathe, kh, v.d., 11-0 'Nam Mahima', 11-45 N.M. Daggar, alap, 12-15 p.m. K. Mangeshkar, tabla, 12-35 thumri bhairavi, 12-50 P Trivedi, G geets, 1-40 Movie music, 5-0 Hindi by radio, 5-20 B.G. Khaladkar, shahani par bhimpalas, 5-30 Ram Marathe, kh. v.d., 6-10 Music lessons, 6-30 N. M. Daggar, alap 7-0 K Mangeshkar tabla, 7-10 Locals, 7-20 bhajan geets, 7-30 P. Trivedi, G geet, 7-45 For industrial workers, 9-15 K. Mangeshkar, tabla, 9-30 Film songs, 9-45 Current Affairs review, 10-0 Fun with music. 10-15 Ena Fonseca, tener, 10-30 Rome Opera House Orch.

VARIATIONS—8-30 a.m. B.G. Khaladakar, shahnai par jaunpuri, 8-45 Pramila Jadhav, M. songs, 1-0 p.m. Abhang, 1-10 B.G. Khaladkar, shanai par sarang, 1-30 Shalini V. Sorab, vocal, 1-50 H. Kishen, variety 2-20 L. K. Kunte, clarienet, 5-0 Hindi by radio, 6-0 Shalini V. Sorab, vocal, 6-20 For rural listeners, 7-30 Commercial News, 8-15 S. Haldankar, M. pad, 8-30 N. Ali, U talk, 8-45 Radio orch., 9-0 Pramila Jadhav, stage songes, 10-0, B.V. Nadkarni, "Madhache mohol" 10-30 Ram Marathe, kh, v.d.

BARODA

7-30 a.m. As in Ahmedabad, 7-40 Yogic exercises, 7-45 Shahnai chorus 8-45 As in Ahmedabad, 8-30 P. Sagar, songs 5-30 p.m. For women, 6-10 Hindi lessons, 6-30 For rural listeners, 7-0 As in Ahmedabad, 7-15 K. Shastri, "panchtantra", 7-30 Shahnai chorus, 7-45 P. Sagar, bhajan, 8-0 Raag shreni 8-10 Locals 8-30 H.P. Bhatta, Harikirtan on Mahashivratri. 9-30 As in Ahmedabad.

AHMEDABAD

7-30 a.m. Vandana, 7-40 Yogic exercises, 7-45 As in Baroda, 8-15 S. Dhru 'chal musafir' 8-30 As in Baroda, 5-30 p.m. For women, 6-10 Hindi lessons, 6-30 R. More, tabla, 6-45 Sudevi Dhru. geet, 7-30 S. Trivedi, Gujarati stage old hits, 7-15 K. Shastri, "panchtrantra", 7-30 For industrial workers, 8-0 Raag shreni, 8-10 Locals, 8-30 H. Shastri's Harikirtan on Mahashivratri, 9-30 "Premnun Mulya" G. 9-45 Bhajan (Soordas.)

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GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE:

6-45 a.m. On the Job. 7 B. B. C. Midland Light Orchestra. 7-30 The Storyteller 7-45 Light Music. 8 Pavilion Players 8-15 Report from Britain. 8-45 B. B. C Scottish Orchestra. 10 The Promenade Players. 10-30 Jazz Club 11 Sports Review. 11-15 Listeners' Choice. 11-45 Listeners Choice. 12-45 p.m Programme Parade. 1 Radio Theatre. 2-30 Take it from here. 3 Mid-Week Prom. 3-45 Clear Thinking. 4 Land and Livestock. 4-45 Listeners Choice. 5-15 From London to Capetown With Jock Scott. 5-45 Music By Ravel 6 B. B. C. West Of England Light Orchestra. 6-45 Small Bank Music. 7 The Women's Programme. 7-45 Ring Up the Curtain. 8-45 Band of the Royal Horse Guard. 8-45 Sterling Value. 9-45 Music For Dancing. 10-30 Mid Week Talk.

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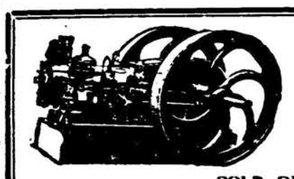

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'BHARAT' AIR CREW HELD AS HOSTAGES

Echo Of Accident In East Bengal

PAKISTAN DEMANDS COMPENSATION

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14, (PTI).

THE Prime Minister Pandit Nehru in reply to a short notice question by Mr. D. K. Burooah ((Assam) said in Parliament today that the Pakistan Government in Bengal were keeping in detention two Englishmen. the pilot and a co-pilot of a Bharat Airways plane which took off from Agartala and forced landed in Eastern Pakistan at the end of December 1949. The radio operator Mr. Ghosh who was reported to havebeen seriously injured might be released soon.

Pandit Nehru said that the grounds for detention were not known yet and an enquiry had been made. It was true that this detention which did not appear to be based on international law or usage was resented by the air crew. The Government of India had been in telegraphic correspondence on the subject with the Government of Pakistan.

It was understood that orders for the release of the radio operator had already been issued. Further steps were being taken to follow up the protest which the Government had made in respect of the detention of the crew.

Pandit Nehru added, "The Government of India have been informed by telephone from Calcutta that the East Bengal Government will not release the crew so long as compensation is not granted by the Bharat Airways for the Pakistani nationals who have been killed and so long as the West Bengal Government have not confirmed the guarantee they will keep the crew.

Pandit Nehru added: "The holding of the crew as hostages for some compensation is a very curious situation. It is a matter for the Governments to deal with or between the air company and the East Pakistan Government, as the case may be. No doubt the matter should be enquired into and where necessary compensation should be given.

The idea of holding up the air crew as hostages is the most extraordinary argument that is being advanced. I am told that the matter depends on the interpretation of international air services agreement—not the matter of giving compensation but the matter whether the Bharat Airways could fly in the particular way they were flying. There were two interpretations apparently. These flights took place between Calcutta and Agartala (Tripura) without stopping in Pakistan territory. They were regular flights. I understand that so far as the Pakistan Government in Karachi is concerned, we have been definitely told that Mr. Ghosh, the radio operator, was going to be released. Nevertheless, he has not been released. I do not know whether the East Bengal Government does not approve of the direction from Karachi or not".

SOIL CONSERVATION IN AMERICA

Indian Student Impressed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13: America's efforts to conserve the soil and make it produce more food have made a lasting impression on a visiting Indian agriculturist who is studying soil conservation methods.

Now beginning his second year of training with the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, D. G. Kelkar of Baroda says American soil techniques can be adapted to Indian agriculture to help produce more food.

Nothing the great interest in America, Kelkar said he had been impressed by the fact that both the people and the government are aware of the importance of saving soil.

The fine co-operation that exists between government experts and everyday farmers in applying soil saving methods, is one of the elements of success in the conservation programme, he noted.

After spending some months in the southern states of Georgia and Mississippi, where crops and climate are similar to those of India, Kelkar visited the western states of Arizona, New Mexico and Califronia.

With soil experts at hand to explain methods, Kelkar said, he saw eroded farm land and arid desert land which has been turned into highly-productive areas. Arid lands have been made to grow crops. Kelkar observed, by a variety of irrigation methods, using lake reservoirs, deep wells, rivers, diversion ditches and small earthen dams in watershed areas to retain waterfall.—USIS

Six Drowned In Fishing Tragedy

GAUHATI, Feb. 14 (PTI): Six persons are reported to have been drowned when a country boat capsized in the river Brahamputra near Jorhat (Upper Assam) on Sunday last. Only one of the occupants of the boat survived

The party was returning from fishing when the boat was caught in a storm and went down

LONDON, Feb 14 (PTI-Reuter): Sentences passed on Japanese convicted of germ warfare charges by the Russian Tribunal at Khabarovsk were confirmed today by the Soviet Supreme Court, said Moscow Radio.

ARMS AID TO VIET NAM

U. S. Scheme On The Anvil

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 (PTI-Reuter): France has been invited to submit to the State Department a list of arms and military equipment which she might want to be sent to the new French-sponsored state of Viet Nam, Department officials said today. It was emphasised here that neither the State Department nor any other Government Department had made any commitment that arms, if requested, would be sent.

It is understood that the State Department is considering a scheme under which arms could be transferred to the local Viet Nam authorities.

Technically the supplies would not be delivered to, or used by, the French army in Indo-China.

This would mean France would not be placed in a position where she would have to explain why she was using American arms in an area to which she had transferred sovereignty.

Officials said they were "worried" because of the common border between Indo-China and Communist China.

They expressed the belief that Russia's recognition of Dr. Ho Chi Minn's regime in Indo-China might be followed soon by a flood of arms from the Chinese Communists.

If the United States agreed to a French request for arms, it is believed that the arms will be sent under the Military Aid Programme, passed by Congress last year.

DRAFT ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Indo-French Move Defeated

LAKE SUCCESS, Feb. 14 (PTI)—The economic and Social Council has decided to transmit to the Commission of Human Rights the General Assembly's resolution on the "Draft Convention on Freedom of Information "after defeating a joint Indian-French resolution recommending more discussions at the Assembly's fifth session, writes D.P. Wagle, PTI correspondent.

The General Assembly on October 20, 1949 decided to postpone further action on the draft convention (originally prepared by the Geneva Conference on Freedom of Information) and to request the Commission on Human Rights to include adequate provisions on Freedom of Information in the Draft Covenant on Human Rights.

Mr. A. Ramaswami Mudaliar, India's Delegate said that the commission on Human Rights should incorporate only the basic provisions of Freedom of Information in the Draft Convenant. Detailed aspects of Freedom of Information still had to be worked out.

The Indian-French resolution asked the Commission to bear in mind that action on the Draft Convention had not yet been completed by the General Assembly and said the Commission should consider inclusion of basic principles only of Freedom of Information in the Covenant on Human Rights."

MEXICO HONOURS MAJ.-GEN. THAPAR

Major-General D. R. Thapar, Deputy Director of Medical Services, Southern Command, was India's Delegate to the meetings of the International Committee of Military Medicine held recently in Mexico. During his stay in Mexico, he was awarded the "Visitante Distinguido", medal and certificate conferring upon him the title of 'Distinguished Visitor'. The President of the Republic of Mexico presented the award at a special ceremony at the City Town Hall.

A Letter From London

INDIA HOUSE ADOPTS NEW LABELS

Tea In The News: Efforts To Resume Auctions

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, (By Air).

NEW NAMES are the first arrivals at India House since the Republic Day. The Office of the High Commissioner is to be known as "High Commission of India" and the Advisers to the High Commissioner are to be rechristened Ministers. The "operation Names" has been necessitated by India's assumption of the status of Republic, the present names not being considered adequate enough to reflect the new glory.

RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR AT INDIA HOUSE

The Soviet Ambassador in Britain visited India House to attend the luncheon given by the High Commissioner in honour of Prof. Radhakrishnan, Indian Ambassador in Moscow. The function was informal and informality only added to the pleasure of the occasion. Over curry and rice the diplomats talked on many things. Professor Radhakrishnan, one of the few diplomats to be received by the Soviet leader, cherishes the memory of his interview with Stalin. He has no doubt that the Soviet leader desired nothing more earnestly than peace. Even those, who have allowed themselves to be hostile to the politicians in the Soviet Union, have never accused Marshal Stalin of war-mongering. There is abundant will for peace both in East and West. Yet events are pushing mankind on the road that can only lead to conflict. It is mad way to ruin and rubble. Only courageous initiative and lead can save the world. Professor Radhakrishnan is a man who enjoys the confidence and respect of both East and West. Why not use the services of the philosopher in the cause of peace?

PRIVY COUNCIL

A simple ceremony in a small committee room in the House of Lords marked the end of the Judicial Association of India and Britain. Appeals from India to the Privy Council first came about 1726, and when the present Judicial Committee was established by statute in 1833 the final jurisdiction in Indian cases was formally assigned to it. Since then the Privy Council has heard about thirty appeals on average every year. The last appeal, concerning land tenure in Madras, was heard on December 15, 1949 The scope of the once all-powerful Judicial Committee as the supreme court of appeal for all Commonwealth is shrinking rapidly. India is gone, Canada has already given notice to quit. Pakistan and South Africa are also likely to withdraw. Only Australia, New Zealand and Ceylon are likely to continue their present link.

TEA MISSION TO INDIA

Even though coffee is slowly invading English homes, Tea continues to maintain its position as the Queen of Beverages, commanding the allegiance of both King and commoner. Tea is drunk at all times, morning, noon and night. Most Englishmen seem to share the opinion expressed by the Duke of Wellington that tea clears the head and leaves one with no misapprehension. It is not, therefore, surprising that Governments in Britain take special care to see that tea stocks are adequate. Tea imports are subsidised so that the common man may be able to buy it cheap. In a few days officials of the Ministry of Food will fly to India and Ceylon to talk tea with officials and non-officials in the two countries. The object of the mission is two-fold—First to arrange for the purchase of tea and secondly, to discuss with the Governments of India and Ceylon the question of reopening the tea market in London. The Mission is not likely to meet serious difficulty in securing its tea requirements. Since India first sent a consignment of 350 lb. of tea to London over a century ago, Britain has been India's best customer. Today her purchases exceed 350 million lb.

But the question of the opening of the London market might not be easy of solution. Before the war London was the biggest tea market in the world. Most of the tea produced in India and Ceylon was directly shipped to Britain where it was blended and sent all over the world. Tea was auctioned for four days in a week. Before an auction took place the brokers prepared a catalogue of the teas to be offered and sent to the prospective buyers two-ounce sample of each grade. The buyers tasted the samples and fixed maximum bids upon those approved by them. The auctions were suspended during the war. and the British Ministry of Food became the sole purchaser of tea not only for Britain but all Allied countries and some neutral countries. This system of Government purchases continues today with this difference that British purchases are confined to British requirements as the Government of India had laid down that all countries should obtain their requirements directly from India. Recently there has been a move in this country to resume London tea auctions. The move has obtained fresh impetus from the decision of the Select Committee on Estimates that in view of the prospect of increased tea supplies, the London market should be reopened.

The decison of India to sell tea directly to different countries is not questioned; India's ambition to build up its own tea market is recognised. But it is argued that India does not possess either the space or other facilities to handle the huge crop. It is further argued that India is not fully familiar with the trade. Besides, it is said, the British merchants who buy half of the 900 million lb. of tea grown in India and blend it here, would like to taste on the spot rather than rely on reports from Calcutta. This is considered desirable especally as tea matures in shipping and the men whose job is to select with expert knowledge the various grades of tea suitable for blending, could do their work with greater confidence if tea was before them.

Since the independence of India the "Royal India Society" has become Royal India and Pakistan Society. It is not known if the Society will drop the prefix Royal in view of the fact that India has become a Republic. The Society's chief interest is art and letters and in these fields it can claim to have done good work.

SOMALIA YOUTH MOVEMENT AGAINST ITALY

Secret Plans To Prevent Reoccupation

LONDON, Feb. 14 (UPI): Secret plans have been made by the leading political organisation in Somaliland called the Somalia Youth League to meet the impending Italian reoccupation under the United Nations Trusteeship of this former colony reports the "Daily Telegraph today

Walls of the League's office Bore party posters and Pakistan calender with pictures of Pakistani and other Muslim leaders.

The Somalia Youth League expressed to the correspondent the view that the British Government betrayed the country bringing Italy into the anti-Communist front.

The country's million inhabitants are Muslims. The members of the party claim to exceed 1,00,000 Funds appear to be plentiful which, on enquiry, were said to come from subscriptions.

Mock Battle At Alaska

CANADA FACES "AGGRESSORS"

WHITE HORSE, YUKON TERRITORY, Feb 13 (PTI-Reuter): A column of 900 Canadian soldiers in jeeps, lorries and "snowmobiles" today struck into the frozen north up the Alaska highway as the spearhead of an Canadian-American force of 5,200.

The force is to face an "aggressor" invasion during the next 10 days. A specially trained "enemy' force of about 400, with planes and skis, will test the defenders in every type of tactics. Major General M. H. S. Penhale, Canadian Army Chief in western Canada, considered it would be feasible under real war conditions to fight a force of 5,000 men up here.

THE SHIFT IN U. S. ASIAN STRATEGY

CONCENTRATION ON INDO-CHINA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (PTI-Reuter): The American Joint Chiefs of Staff have decided as a result of their recent Pacific tour, that the main emphasis of United States global strategy should be shifted from Europe to Asia, it was learned here today.

According to authoritative sources the Chiefs of Staff brought back the following conclusions from their tour of bases in the Central and Western Pacific.

In the military sense any crisis or emergency in the present world struggle between the United States and the Soviet Bloc, including Communist China, is more likely to take place in Asia than in Europe.

INDO-CHINA—DANGEROUS AREA

South East Asia is regarded as the most dangerous area especially Indo-China where the United States and the Soviet controlled countries have already recognised rival Governments. The sources did not link the conclusions of the Chiefs of Staff with a statement on American-Soviet relations made by Secretary of State Dean Acheson last week. But it is presumed that the Indo-Chinese region constituted one of those situations of weakness which Mr. Acheson described as presenting an irresistible invitation to Communist interference, and which he said should be eliminated.

U.S.S.R. DISTRACTS ATTENTION

These sources said the recent Soviet manoeuvres in Eastern Germany including the "creeping blockade" in Berlin and the threat of a Communist youth march there were regarded by the Chiefs of Staff as intended to distract the attention of the western powers from Communist advances and manoeuvres in Asia. From this the following conclusions are reached by the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff. (1) That the immediate emphasis of United States global defence should be oriented towards and centred upon Asian in all considerations from the strategic concept down to the logistics of supply.

PRIORITY TO DEFENCE OF ASIA

Priority should now be given to the defence needs of those areas in Asia which are threatened by the advance of communism. United States military strength should be used for the strengthening of a north-south line projected into South-East Asia.

(2) That the countries most immediately threatened are in South-East Asia and assistance should be given to them. It is pointed out here that the President already has 75 million dollars available in funds appropriated by Congress in its last session which would be used to give military aid to South-East Asia. These are the funds which were allocated by Congress for use "in the general area of China".

The President has already turned down proposals to make these funds available to the Chinese Nationalist Government in Formosa. American diplomats in the Far East met today at Bangkok in Thailand to discuss the situation in South-East Asia.

United States naval forces in the Pacific should be strengthened, even at the expense of the Atlantic, it was held, in accordance with the theory that the Pacific now constitutes the most critical area in American global strategy defence spokesman confirmed today that American naval forces were already being re-deployed from the Atlantic to the Pacific

They said the escort aircraft carrier Sicily, would be re-deployed to the Pacific in mid-April. One heavy cruiser and one light cruiser were also being transferred from the Atlantic to the Pacific in the next few weeks.

In view of reports of Russian submarines in Pacific waters, particular importance has been attached in military circles to the transfer from the Atlantic to the Pacific of American anti-submarine destroyers and the inclusion in the United States Pacific fleet of one of the newest "killer" type of anti-submarine vessels.

Morocco Tribesmen Revolt Against Gen. Franco

LONDON, Feb. 14 (UPI): Tribesmen in Spanish Morocco are in revolt against General Franco. The situation is serious, according to reports from Tangier.

Last week's rising near the international zone in Tangier, has now spread along the border of French Morocco.

The tribesmen have modern automatic weapons, says the "Daily Mail", today. run in to the country by the Tangier Communists.

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SOUTH AFRICA DRAW FOURTH TEST

Home Side Avert Follow On And Score 352 Runs

MORONEY AND HARVEY SCORE CENTURIES IN SECOND INNINGS

JOHANNESBERG (South Africa), Feb. 14.

The fourth test match between South Africa and Australia ended in a draw. South Africa saved the follow on by scoring 352 in their first innings in reply to Australia's first innings total of 465 for 8 declared. Australia in their second innings scored 259 for the loss of 2 wickets when stumps were drawn.

Moroney and Harvey put up centuries. Moroney was not out 101, while Harvey fell a victim to Melle at 100. Fullerton saved the South African side by scoring 88 runs while Mann supported him with 52.

South Africa saved the follow on in the fourth test match against Australia here today when they were dismissed by lunch for 352 in their first innings.

Australia made 465 for 8 declared and lead by 113 runs on first innings.

The match ends today.

Australia won the first three tests.

A galant eighth wicket stand of 94 by George Fullerton and Tufty Mann was chiefly responsible for Australia having to bat a second time.

South Africa began the final day the match in warm weather at Ellis Park, requiring 41 runs to avoid following on and the score had been taken to 307 before Mann had his off stump catapulated out of the ground by Lindwall with the new ball.

They still required 9 runs when Michael Melle 19, youngest player in the South African side, went to the wicket.

Fullerton batted confidently and saved the follow on when he cover drove Windwall to the fence to take the score to 316.

South Africa were all out fifteen minutes before lunch and not only had they saved the follow on but had made certain that the match would be drawn, thus halting Australia's run of 6 successive test victories, including three in 1935-36 against South Africa.

Fullerton's brilliant innings which contained one chance when he should have been stumped by Saggers ended when he lifted McCool to Hassett. His 88 had taken 220 minutes and included 9 fours.

Mann's 52, his highest score in test cricket, took 113 minutes and included four boundaries.

The Australians made no attempt to go for runs in poor light and the opening pair, Arthur Morris and Jack Mornoey put on 26 in 48 minutes before Morris who had 19 lifted McCarthy to Mann at midon.

By the tea interval Australia had taken their score to 112 for one.

Australia scored 259 for two wickets and the match was drawn.

SCORE BOARD

AUSTRALIA (First Innings)
(for 8 declared) 465
SOUTH AFRICA (First Innings

E. Rowan b Lindwall	55
J. Nel run out	25
R. Draper c Saggers b Bill Johnston	15
A. D. Nourse c Saggers b Lindwall	5
D. Begbie c McCool b Miller	24
P. Winslow c and b Miller	19
G. Fullerton c Hassett b McCool	88
H. Tayfield c Johnson b Miller	40
N. Mann b Lindwall	52
M. Melle l.b.w. McCool	14
C. McCarthy not out	2
Extras	13
Total	352

Fall of wickets: 1 for 84, 2 for 86, 3 for 96, 4 for 115, 5 for 145, 6 for 148, 7 for 213, 8 for 307, 9 for 345.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lindwall	26	3	82	3
Bill Johnston	29	5	68	7
Miller	28	3	75	3
Loxton	10	2	22	0
Ian Johnson	18	4	52	0
McCool	7	0	39	2
Hassett	1	0	5	0
Harvey	3	0	0	0
Harvey	3	0	0	0

AUSTRALIA (Second Innings)

A Morris c Mann b McCarthy ..	19
Moroney not out	101
Harvey b Melle	100
K. Miller not out	33
Extras	6
Total (for 2 wkts.)	259

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McCarthy	13	1	56	1
Melle	12	0	58	1
Tayfield	14	2	88	0
Mann	8	1	32	0
Begbie	3	0	19	0
Rowan	1	1	0	0
Nourse	1	1	0	0

'VIZZY' SUGGESTS BATTING ORDER

Side That Wins Toss Will Claim "Rubber"

BENARES, Feb. 14. (PTI): "Vizzy" Indian catching and fielding improves by even thirty per cent, the battle royal at Madras—the fifth and final test match—against the Commonwealth Cricket Team will be won by India", said Dr. Vijay of Vizianagaram, in an interview to the Press Trust of India here today.

"Vizzy", as Dr. Vijay is known among cricketers, will give a running commentary on the test match commencing at Madras on February 17.

"The Commonwealth is a beatable side, if only our boys could note catches", Vizzy asserted.

While holding that the Indian team was 'well-balanced", he suggested the following batting order to get the best out of the team: Mushtaq Ali and Mankad for the opening pair, followed by Adhikari, Hazare, Phadkar, Umrigar, Rusi Mody, Joshi, C. S. Naidu, Chowdhary and Gaikwad. If Gaikwad is dropped and Kishenchand replaced him, the latter should go in place of C. S. Naidu who should be number 10 and Chowdhary number 11.

Vizzy added that the side that won the toss on the Chepauk wicket was likely to annex the "rubber".

INDIAN TEST TEAM AT MADRAS

MADRAS, Feb. 14. (PTI): All the India test players, except G. Kishenchand, H. R. Adhikari, B. C. Alva, arrived here today.

Kishenchand and Adhikari are expected tomorrow morning and Alva tomorrow afternoon along with the Commonwealth Cricketers.

Mr. K. S. Ranga Rao, Vice-President, Board of Control for Cricket in India, and Mr. V. R. Laxmiratan, member of the Joint Managing Committee, received the test players on their arrival.

The hours of play for the test are fixed as follows: 10-45 a.m. to 12-45 p.m. and 1-45 p.m. to 3-45 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Arrangements at the Madras Cricket Club Ground in Chepauk, where the fifth and last unofficial "test" match between India and the Commonwealth team begins on February 17, are almost complete. The ground has been maintained in excellent condition inspite of the fact that there has been no rain for the last three months. The Indian players will be at the nets tomorrow. The final Indian team will be chosen by the selection committee on February 16.

Mr. A. S. De Mello, President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, will also arrive tomorrow afternoon.

AARON JOSHUA WEIGHS-IN

LONDON, February 14 (PTI-Reuter): Aaron Joshua of India weighed 8 stone 13 3/4 pounds at the weighin today for his fight at West Ham, London, tonight against Jimmy Murray of Dagenham Essex.

Murray was 9 stone 1 pound.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Cooperage

4-10 p.m. Blue Wizards vs. St. Xaviers Association (Jepsen Cup).

5-15 p.m. St. Xavier's College vs. Khalsa College (Inter College Final).

TENNIS

C.C.I. Court

3-15 p.m. onwards C.C.I. Cham-

Twist And He Wins

HARMONIST gives a new 'twist' to racing—and a few anxious moments to jockey F. Lewis—as he brings his hindquarters over the last fence but one in the Tandridge Court Handicap Steeplechase at the Lingfield Park meeting today (Thursday). Racegoers expected him to fall but he went on to win the race at 100-8. Harmonist is owned by Mrs. J. Rogerson.

LEVER SPORTS WIN BY A NARROW MARGIN

Panchgani Parsis And Naval Civilians Draw In Jepsen Cup

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Lever Sports playing robust hockey against an equally robust side the Bombay Parsis Sports Association triumphed by the odd goal in three in the Jepsen Cup Hockey Tournament at the Cooperage this evening. In an earlier game Panchgani Parsis and Indian Naval Civilians were concerned in a draw both sides scoring once each.

In a quick game both teams were going all out to get goals and it was not long after that the Bombay Parsis opened the scoring account. Ten minutes after the commencement Captain, their right inner scored with a grand angular shot. Lever Sports retaliated immediately and raid after raid followed and five minutes later they gained the equalizer through J. Lewis their right outer who coming into the semi-circle sent in a rising shot from the top of the circle.

The atmosphere of the game now changed and things began to move at a faster pace. It was more of stick work and very little of constructive play. Lever Sports gained the upper hand for their backs were reliable and they adapted first time tactics which paid dividends.

In the twentieth minute Lever Sports scored another goal which ultimately proved to be the winning goal. G. Noronha the centre forward sent in a feeble shot which the Parsis goalkeeper misticked. Half time dawned and the advantage lay with Lever Sports.

The second half was as lively as the first but there was no brainwork in the game and both sides missed some very good scoring chances. Lever Sports were maintaining pressure throughout and they were rather unlucky when their centre forward pushed the ball just wide of the post. Lever's finally emerged victorious by the odd goal in three.

PANCHGANI PARSIS DRAW

Earlier in the evening Jepsen Cup Hockey Tournament in the second round match. Panchgani Parsis and Indian Naval Civilians were concerned in a draw. Both teams registered a goal each and the score was not in keeping with the run of play.

The Panchgani Parsis a first division side had more of the game and were rather unlucky. Some of their regular players were absent.

Panchgani Parsis opened their account in the tenth minute of the second half through R. Sahiar, while 5 minutes later J. Gonsalves scored the equalizer for the Navy side.

Easy Victory For B. B. And C. I. 'A'

LEWIS CUP HOCKEY AT PAREL

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

B. B. and C. I. Railway "A" scored an easy victory over Globe Sports in the Lewis Cup Hockey Tournament played at St. Xavier's College ground, Parel, this evening. B.B. and C.I. won by four goals to nothing.

The Railway had both their goals scored in the first through Champakal, while Rozario and Kishen scored in the second half to complete the Railwaymen's tally.

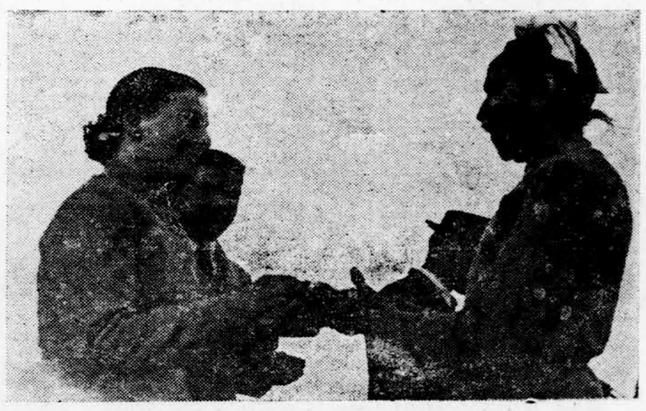
In the Figueredo Cup Hockey Tournament played earlier in the evening Mazagaon Docks "B" beat Khatau Sports by two goals to one. Abraham scored both the goals for the winners while G. Narain reduced the margin.

INTER MILL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Finals of the Inter Mill Wrestling Tournament conducted by the Bombay Millowners' Association takes place on Wednesday February 15 at 4-30 p.m. at the St. Xevier's College grounds, Parel.

DELHI AREA SPORTS



The Delhi Area Annual Athletic meet was held on February 11 at Delhi Cantonment. The Sikh Battalion with Delhi Area won the team championship. The picture shows Mrs. Khanolkar wife of Maj. Gen. V. Khanolkar, Delhi Area Commander, distributing the prizes to a successful competitor.

Wilson Jones Beats Selvaraj

HOLDER BEATEN IN SOUTH INDIA SNOOKER

MADRAS, Feb. 14. (PTI): Wilson Jones of Mazagaon Docks, Bombay beat T. A. Selvaraj (Hindustan Aircrafts, Bangalore) in the Snooker Final of the South Indian Zonal Championships here today.

Jones was on top throughout the game and was seen to pot with very great precision from almost any angle and any distance. He took the first three frames and Selvaraj was able to annex the fourth after a ding-dong struggle with the black ball. But in the fifth frame Jones was once more on top and beat the holder by four frames to one.

Jones made breaks of 35 and 27 in the third frame. In his break of 27 he cleared the table by commencing with the yellow.

Following are the scores with Jones first: 49-43, 72-25, 93-27, 42-53, 62-40.

GOAN BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Modification Of Rules For Club Championship

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Annual Goan Boxing Championships will be held this year in conjunction with the Inter-Club Boxing Championship at the C. J. Hall, Bombay, on the 2nd and 3rd March. A slight modification in the rules of the Club Championship has been effected enabling Clubs with lesser number of competitors to compete. Further particulars and entry forms may be had from Mr. Charles de-Souza, Gul-Bahar, 2nd Floor, Behind Metro, or care of Little and Co Central Bank Building, 3rd Floor, Bombay.

GOAN ATHLETIC MEET

Entries Close On Sunday Feb. 20

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Competitors are once again reminded that the last date for receipt of entries for the Fourth Annual Goan Athletic Meet is Sunday the 19th February 1950, and those who have not yet sent in their entries may do so by that date. There are four open items in the Meet, viz., 100 and 200 metres for men, 100 metres for women and Cycle lap race. All entries may be handed over to Mr. Charles deSouza at Gul-Bahar, 2nd Floor, Behind Metro, Bombay.

NORTH BOMBAY JUNIORS SPORTS

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The North Bombay Junior Sports meet will be held on the Khalsa College Grounds on Sunday the 19th February 1950 from 8 a.m. onwards under the auspices of Little Pioneers. Entries which close on the 16th February 1950 should reach the Sports Secretary, Little Pipneers, 760, Parsee Colony, Dadar. Entry forms can be had from the above address. The entries are open for Boys and Girls under 15 years of age.

BANGALORE BLUES IN FINAL

Prassanna Kumar Memorial Football

BANGALORE, Feb. 14. (PTI): Bangalore Blues, the league champions entered the finals of the Prassanna Kumar Memorial Football Tournament beating Bangalore Sporting by one goal to nil in the semi-finals played here today at the Sullivan Police Grounds. The Blues will now meet Sullivan Police in the Finals on Sunday.

The Blues who showed good combination scored the only goal off a penalty award through centre forward Nari ten minutes after resumption.

BRITISH RUGBY UNION TEAM TO TOUR ANTIPODES

Team Of Thirty Composed Of International Players

LONDON, Feb. 14 (PTI-Reuter): A British Rugby Union Team to tour New Zealand and Australia during the coming summer was announced today and is composed entirely of international players.

The party consists of the following 30 players:

FULL BACKS: G. W. Norton (Ireland) and W. B. Cleaver (Wales).

WING THREEQUARTERS: D. W. C. Smith (Scotland), Ken Jones (Wales), M. F. Lane (Ireland) and M. C. Thomas (Wales).

CENTRE THREEQUARTERS: B. L. Williams (Wales), J. Matthews (Wales), N. J. Henderson (Ireland) and R. Macdonald (Scotland).

STAND OFF HALFBACKS: J. W. Kyle (Ireland) and I. Preece (England).

SCRUMMAGE HALFBACKS: R. Willis (Wales), A. W. Black (Scotland) and G. Rimmer (England).

FORWARDS: K. D. Mullen (Ireland), D. M. Davies (Wales), G. M. Budge (Scotland), C. Davies (Wales), T. Clifford (Ireland), J. D. Robins (Wales), D. Hayward (Wales), J. E. Nelson (Ireland), R. John (Wales), J. R. C. Matthews (England), P. W. Kininmonth (Scotland), R. Stephens (Wales), J. W. McKay (Ireland), R. T. Evans (Wales) and J. S. McCarthy (Ireland).

Surgeon Captain L. B. Osborne, Royal Navy, will be hon. manager of the team with E. L. Savage, Secretary.

The party assembles in London on March 31 and will sail from Liverpool on the following day. The return trip will also be made by sea.

Because of examinations no university players would accept invitation but so much talent was available that for the first time in history the tours selection committee comprising members of the four home unions were able to choose a body of men all of whom have represented their countries.

There are thirteen from Wales, favourites for this season's international championship, nine from Ireland last season's champions, five from Scotland and three from England.

This will be the first British Rugby team to visit Antipodes since 1935.

Inter-Services Hockey Begins February 26

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14 (PTI): The Inter-Services Hockey Championship Tournament will begin here on February 26.

Teams from the various Army Commands, the Air Force and the Navy will participate.

The Inter Services Tennis Tournament will be played here from March 1 to March 4.

CREDITABLE PERFORMANCE BY RODRIGUES IN C.C.I. TENNIS

Beats Fatehsinhji Of Kutch And Later Extends Bekkevold

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

REGGIE RODRIGUES, India's hockey star who represented the country at the World Olympiad at London year before last, was seen in an excellent form—this time in tennis, this evening at the Cricket Club of India in their open tennis tournaments.

Beating a formidable opponent in Prince Fatehsinhji of Kutch in two straight sets, later he went one step further in extending the welknown local player F. Bekkevold. Rodrigues won the first set against the Bombay Gymkhana tennis star, but could not get the other to win the match. Bekkevold, who resorted to driving deep, forced Rodrigues to commit mistakes, and won the last two sets at six/two and six/one.

Three of the invited players—Naresh Kumar and K. B. Madan and Cernik—were seen on the courts today, but they did not play. The remaining players, including the foreigners are arriving today and will all be seen playing tomorrow evening.

The following were the results:

Men's Singles

R. K. Sanghani beat Rafiq Dina, 8-6, 6-3; A. R. V. Peermohamed beat M. R. Row, 6-4, 6-3; Erik Marks beat D. N. J Dady, 6-4, 6-0; A. M. Abraham beat V. V. Prabhu, 6-2, 7-5; C. L. Savara w.o. Narottam Mohanlal; Swaminathan w.o. P. N. Sarangpani, Baldev beat Bakshi, 6-4 6-3; F. Bekkevold beat K. Watumal, 6-3, 6-0; Rasik Kumar of Wankaner beat S. Allur, 6-1, 6-2; M. Madhav Rao beat U. S. Bangera, 6-3, 6-3; Harbans Dayal beat M. Hanumantha Rao, 7-5, 6-4; Madhav Rao vs. R. K. Sanghani, 5-0 (unfinished); Walton vs. Powar (unfinished); R. N. Rodrigues beat Prince Fatehsinhji of Kutch, 6-3, 6-0; F. Bekkevold beat R. N. Rodrigues, 7-9, 6-2, 6-1; J. M. Kantawala beat C. S. Shete, 6-2, 6-1; J. M. Kantawalla beat Sam Barucha 6-0, 6-3.

Women's Singles

Miss S. Kundaji beat Miss Mehru Ghasvala, 6-1, 7-5. Mrs. Bhavnani beat Miss S. M. Bhat, 6-1, 6-4; Mrs. D. I. Kania beat Miss Pilloo Billimoria, 6-1, 6-1.

Men's Doubles

Rajkumar of Jath and Partner w.o. D. H. Patel and Partner; Eric Marks and Yuvaraj of Bilkha beat M. M. Shinde and N. V. Ullal, 7-5, 6-3; Walton and Macrea beat H. N. Khira and C. N. Wasani, 6-3, 7-5; I. R. Mehta and B. P. Baliga w.o. Sajjad and Farkhunda; G. N. Powar and H. J. H. Taleyarkhan beat V. S. Krishna and S. K. Krishna, 4-6, 9-7, 6-2; D. N. J. Dady and K. Watumal beat Sam Barucha and D. H. Patel, 6-1, 6-1; Rasik Kumar of Wankaner and Prince Fatehsinhji of Kutch beat D. S. Framji and M. N. Sidhwa, 6-1, 6-2; N. D. G. Rao and U. S. Bangera w.o. T. N. Bakshi and Partner; R. K. Batra and S. T. Panjwani beat P. N. Sarangpani and A. Khatau, 6-3, 6-2; R. N. Bhagwat and R. K. Sanghani beat P. K. Chaubal and C. S. Shete, 6-2, 6-1; Rafiq Dina and F. Sikandar w.o. M. Hanumantha Rao and Partner; K. C. Mashruwala and K. L. Mirchandani beat M. A. Deshmukh and P. S. Jadeja, 6-0, 6-2; Swaminathan and Peermohamed w.o. "B" Pair; I. N. Laljee and I. H. Shivdasani w.o. "C" Pair; C. Rai and Partner w.o. "D" Pair; C. L. Savara and Kapinapathy w.o. "E" Pair.

Fixtures for Wednesday Evening

COURT NO. 1: 3-15 p.m. Narendra Nath vs. A. R. V. Peermohamed; 3-45 p.m. V. Cernik vs. Madhav Rao or Sanghani; Miss G. Moran vs. Mrs. R. Gazdar; 5-00 p.m. Mrs. P. Todd vs. Mrs. B Stewart.

COURT No. 2: 3-15 p.m. Naresh Kumar vs. C. L. Savara or Swaminathan; 3-45 p.m. K. B. Madon vs. Bekkevold; 4-15 p.m. Rasik Kumar of Wankaner and Prince Fatehsinhji of Kutch vs. D. N. J Dady and K. Watumal.

COURT NO. 3: 3-15 p.m. Kapinapathy vs. Eric Marks or Harbans Dayal; 3-45 p.m. Jimmy Mehta vs. Rasik Kumar of Wankaner or G. N. Powar or Walton; 4-15 p.m. Walton and Macrea vs. Rajkumar of Jath and Partner.

COURT NO. 4: 3-15 p.m. Sajjad vs. J. M. Kantawalla; 3-45 p.m. G. N. Powar and Partner vs. N. D. G. Rao and U. S. Bangera; 4-15 p.m. C. L. Savara and Kapinapathy vs. Rafiq Dina and F. Sikander.

COURT NO. 5: 3-15 p.m. G. Vasant vs. A. M. Abraham or K. C. Mashruwala; 3-45 p.m. Miss L. M. Merchant vs. Mrs. B. V. K. Iyengar; 4-15 p.m. R. K. Batra and S. T. Panjwani vs. C. Rai and Partner.

FIRST AVAILABLE COURT: Miss P. Khanna and Partner vs. Mrs. Stewart and Partner; Miss L. M. Merchant and Madhav Rao vs. Mrs. Bahvnani and Walton; Miss L. Woodbridge and G. Vasant vs. "B" Pair; Mrs. R. Gazdar and Partner vs. Miss J. Ingram vs. F. Bekkevold.

ABDUL BARI IMPRESSES

First Appearance In Competetive Squash

LONDON, Feb. 14. (PTI-Reuter): Abdul Bari of Bombay, the stocky thick-set professional squash rackets champion of India, made his first appearance in competitive squash in Britain at the Lansdown Club, London today when he beat Gwyn Reece of Bromley, by 9-4, 9-3, 9-6 in the first round of the Dunlop Open Tournament.

Bari made a strong impression, he showed sound ball control and an easy mastery of the court, with a delicate touch and a strong ability to keep his opponent on the defensive by means of shrewd lobbing.

With these tactics Bari had comparatively little difficulty in mastering Reece and the future progress of his play will be watched with interest in this country.

HANDICAPS FOR SUNDAY'S RACES

Fifth Day Of Bombay Races Big Meetings

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The following are the handicaps for the Fifth Day of the Big Meetings to be held on Sunday February 19. The Chief events of the day are the Byculla Club Cup and the Colaba Cup:

THE BYCULLA CLUB CUP
DISTANCE 1 3/4 Miles

Diesel 10 8, First Royalty 9 11, Jeanne d'Arc 8 13, Billet Doux 8-10, Jane Jigar 8 5, Pravina 8 3, Rana Pratap 7 13, Navvara 7 12, Pramila 7 7, Jawahir 7 5, Oriental Spotlight 7 2 Courage 7 0, Ramal 7 0, Star of Mahad 7 0, Beau Scalerat 7 0.

THE CHIEF OF KAGAL MEMORIAL PLATE
DISTANCE—7 Furs.

Crystal 9 13, Diesel 9 11, Kinderson 9 10, Golden Past 9 7, Asoka 8 9, Paper King 7 10, Zam Zam 7 8, Liberty Belle 7 0, Serenade 6 12, Coup d'Etat 6 10, Brave Prince 6 10.

THE MANAVADAR PLATE
DISTANCE—7 Furs.

Aman 9 4, New Moon 9 3, Gay Pilot 9 1, Doorani 8 11, Maduri 8 9, My Pet 8 9, Snehprabha 8 9, Raghoo 8 9, Flotilla 8 8, Full House 8 7 Flying Arrow 8 7, Manzoor 8 5, Bhopal Star 8 5, Independence 8 5, Big Blaze 8 4, Flying Dragon 8 3, Fair Haven 8 3, Kirti 8 0, Downpour 8 0, La Jawab 7 12, Khundil 7 12, Abbess 7 10, Parting Summer 7 9, Pankaj 7 8, Royal Mantle 7 8, Je Reviens 7 2.

THE COLABA CUP
DISTANCE—1 1/4 Miles

Shubh Laxmi 9 3, Adeline 9 1, Chocolate Baby 9 1, Game Bid 9 1, Tisco 8 13, Masquerade 8 11, Blue Lotus 8 10, Pavan 8 10, Kustum 8 10, Pay Master 8 9, Aan Baan 8 8, Truman 8 6, Her Excellency 8 5, Spring Chicken 8 3, Who's That 8 2, Prospero 8 1, Embarkation 8 1, Once Again 8 1, Nirvana 8 1, Desert Kid 8 0, Repartee 8 0, Taslaroon 8 0, Yearling 8 0, Deuce of Clubs 7 12, Nasrullah 7 12, Find Out 7 9, Ayaar 7 9.

THE MATUNGA PLATE
DISTANCE —1 1/2 Miles

Kotidhwaj 9 6, Lizalee 9 0, Cherry Blosom 8 12, Gipsy Bill 8 12, Luminary 8 12, Black Abbot 8 8, Ijjat 8 7, Lalaji 8 7, Kabir 8 5, Magic Hour 8 5, Armina 8 5, Maniana 8 4, Queen's Cup 8 1, Shiraji 8 0, Rohini 8 0, Kantaka 7 13, Brilliant Sunshine 7 13, Ajinkya Tara II 7 12, Army & Navy 7 12, Rajaji 7 12, Odds Again 7 11, Chriatie Darling 7 10 Yemin-ul-Mulk 7 9, Toto 7 7, Crepe de Chine 7 6, V. Day 7 6, Miss Rutty 7 4, Dry Day 7 4, Queen of Hearts 7 3, Jai Malhar 7 2, Jahan Zaib 7 1, Malka-E-Alam 7 1, Kiss Miss 7 0.

To be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

THE C. JENNINGS PLATE
Division I
DISTANCE—1 1/4 Miles

Georgette 9 2, Windsor Knight 9 2, Par Excellence 9 1, Willow Stream 9 0, Macdonald 8 13, The Judge 8 10, Trumpeldor 8 10, Makurpura 8 9, Lira Malt 81 9, Musafir 8 8 Saita 8 8, Panditji 8 7 Dominate 8 7, Flying Princess 8 6, Lerins 8 6, Phone Again 8 4, Riviera 8 4, Chocolate Soldier 8 3, Flying Miss 7 13.

To be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

THE C. JENNINGS PLATE
Division II
DISTANCE—1 1/4 Miles

Kalpana 9 2, Windsor Knight 9 2, Magnificent 9 0, Navroze 8 9, Pan Supari 8 8 Wet Bob 8 7, Pelion 8 7, Wadhdina 8 7, D. Day 8 6, Battle Out 8 5, Mack 8 3, Amin 8 2, Just Wait 8 2, Triple Alliance 8 0, Nature Boy 8 0, Mardan 8 0, Filmindia 7 13, Bihari 7 12, Sir Galahad 7 12, Fashion Parade 7 9.

To be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

THE ANAND PLATE
Division I.
DISTANCE—6 Furs.

The Duke 8 12, Glamour Boy 8 12, Diamond Star 8 12, The Coward 8 12, Greek Star 8 12, Oasis 8 12, Gold Spa 8 12, Sangram 8 12, Musketeer 8 12, Gold Street 8 12, Ballynabinch 8 12, Hangover 8 12, Bessemer 8 12, Pet Hand 8 12, Sunny Island 8 12, Gallant Man 8 12, Arrak 8 12, Sajan 8 12, Aapke Seveme 8 12, Kiyababa 8 12, Pahili Mulakhat 8 12, Bright Prince 8 12.

THE ANAND PLATE
Division II
DISTANCE—6 Furs.

Guest of Honour 8 12, Ali Janab 8 12, Imroz 8 12, Banswale 8 12, Firdaul 8 12, Liberator 8 12, All-in-All 8 12 Rajguru 8 12, Gun Drill 8 12, Sumarai 8 12 Othello 8 12, Prometheus 8 12, Eremitage 8 12, Jasdan Star 8 12, Count Bobby 8 12, Magna Carta 8 12, Starshell 8 12, Pardesi 8 12, Triump 8 12, Wedding Day 8 12, Moonlight and Shadow 8 12, Radio Star 8 12, Pop 8 12.

To be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

The Bombay Chronicle

AN UGLY INCIDENT

The official communique on the Salem Jail firing indicates that the whole incident has grown out of a very trifling matter. The 290 Communists held in the Jail Annexe were asked to put on as usual their jail dress, "including the cap and the breast ticket" and go to the workshop for their work, some of them refused and, when a jail official told them to comply with the jail regulations, one of the prisoners assaulted him. This brought out the Jailor himself who tried to appeal for quiet but with no success. In the mounting tumult, he seems to have called for arms and the worst kind of assertion of authority ensued. The account is far from satisfying. There is evidently far too obvious an attempt to slur over the causes of the conflict. Why should prisoners refuse to don jail clothes "as usual" on February 11? Nothing is said to suggest that there had been any earlier insubordination on the part of the prisoners and the Deputy Jailor's appeal to them rather shows that there was some basis of understanding between him and the prisoners; though he was assaulted later. All this does not add up to a convincing story. There must have been some index to the angry mood of the prisoners which might have put the Jailor and his officials on guard but it has obviously not been noted or is now being vested with the garb of sudden surprise.

There is a slight misunderstanding in several quarters regarding the prison officer's right to use arms. There is no need for a District Magistrate to be present before the order to open fire in prison is given, as there is in the case of unlawful assemblies. Any officer of the prison may use any weapon to prevent a prisoner from escaping or to stop a combined outbreak and an attempt to break open the outer gate or enclosure wall or to prevent a prisoner from using violence, provided he is reasonably convinced that he cannot restrain the prisoner in other ways and that a warning has been given to the prisoner. It is also required that no prison officer shall open fire in the presence of his superior officer except under the orders of such superior officer.

In the Salem Jail firing, the technicalities may have been observed but the press note does not convince one that the situation called for such drastic measures. On the contrary, the impression is created that there has been a high degree of laxness and a sudden decision to enforce discipline that has led to trouble. The thought that insistence on wearing a cap and a badge should lead to a jail massacre, is not very creditable to the jail authorities, and the Madras Government must institute an inquiry into the management of Salem Jail to satisfy public opinion outraged as it is by the incident. Prison authorities are responsible for the lives and safety of the persons entrusted to their custody; they stand in the role of trustees and must exercise due care to see that unnecessary violence is not employed against prisoners. Discipline is a basic requirement and it is always possible to predict what might ensue out of an attempt to enforce it. But one expects prison authorities to be better able to calculate possibilities than others.

Bearing in mind the fact that trouble in prisons is part of Communist political technique, the Government of Madras and other Governments in India might well pay special attention to the administration of jails, emphasising the need for avoiding the more striking forms of demonstration. In the long run, this would relieve the strain on jail authorities. Apart from the humanitarian arguments relating to prisoners which, though they ought to be paramount, are apt to be obscured by the prejudice generally felt against the methods and policies of the Communists who are the prisoners involved, there is the political argument which cannot be ignored. And if the Governments in India are to take up the challenge of Communism, they will have to clean up the administration of their jails, and provide for a more fool-proof system. The matter needs some attention since Communist agitation appears to have acquired a sudden spirit in all parts of the country and has chosen to express itself through jail disturbances.

Towards Annihilation

Einstein's prediction of general annihilation beckoning is high confirmation of the average man's fears. The world did not stop at the Atom Bomb and it will not stop at the Hydrogen Bomb. Already the potentials of destruction far outspan man's imaginings. We may skip the stages of more and more destruction and fix our minds on the end. But Einstein's solution, or rather plan for averting the doom, is rather optimistic. He wants all political action to be motivated by the view: "What can we do to bring about a peaceful co-existence and, even more, co-operation of the nations?" If this kind of sentiment had any chance in the present-day world, there would have been some nation at least that thought of pursuing such politics. But the trend is all for nations to denounce the unethical preoccupation of the other nations, to proclaim loudly the peaceful intentions of their own governments, and to proceed feverishly to manufacture bigger and deathlier bombs for "defence". If political action could be so influenced by a desire for co-operation on any terms, then there may be some expectation of getting all nations to accept this in a period well before annihilation. In a sense the discoveries and inventions are themselves incentives to war because, whilst in the past belligerently inclined nations might have been held in check by the thought that negotiations being inevitable either before or after a war, one might as well start negotiations and explore all possibilities before, now the sole interest is who can strike a sufficiently crushing first blow. If this is the possible main pre-occupation of the Big Powers, the others have something to think of in their own sphere in addition to getting out of the way the Big Powers, ideologically and materially. We might usefully consider India's case since we are directly concerned.

India has declared her intention to reduce her defence budget, both as a gesture of peace and a measure of economy. If her differences with Pakistan were not boiling over she could have as well made a virtue of necessity. The possibility of an armed conflict with her neighbour makes it necessary for India to keep her fighting forces in good trim and well-equipped. But it should be understood that, even if India wanted to compete in the world armament race, she will be only among the "also-ran" We have not been able even to keep a tag on how fast weapons of war have been changing. Leave aside the A- and H.-bomb, we are a way behind in trained personnel for mechanical warfare, naval strategy or aerial warfare with the latest developments in radar, target spotting or jet-flying. Any country which wants to make its mark in the next war, will have to make a complete break with outmoded methods and weapons of war build and equip its fighting forces on the most modern lines and with scientific devices and weapons. In the next war, most of the warships will be out of date. No wonder Britain has been generously handing them over to India and incidentally taking out large sums out of India's sterling balances. India cannot build any jet-propelled bombers or fighters and will have to look towards her allies for them. We do not lack in courage, manpower or even brains but the next war will not be decided by these qualities. It will be fought rather on the scientific plane. Super-jet bombers and fighters will carry the war to the heart of the enemy territory, dealing crippling blows with A-bombs or H-bombs, within a few hours of the declaration of war.

Atom-driven warships and submarines will wage the war on the sea. Britain has already started building an atom-driven ship. An eminent Canadian military authority has declared that robots will soon replace the infantry as tanks replaced horses in the past. An army of robots, equipped with artificial hearing, sight, touch, smell, sensitivity and ability to make decisions will fire the guns, man the ships, fly the planes and send reports by radio. They would be controlled by wireless from remote distance. It will be a battle of robots, directed by scientists, using horrible weapons. Now what chance has India in such a conflagration? Even defence against this kind of attack is beyond our scope. Nevertheless, we are obliged to maintain a fairly heavy army budget to guard us against "the less-than-giants" nations, hoping that the Big Powers will keep one another occupied intensely enough to leave us unnoticed, hoping possibly too that the exacting demands of modern science will hold these Big Powers and force them to abandon the imperialist habits of an earlier, more leisurely, era.

Thought For The Day

Never show temper or harbour jealousy, or backbite another in secret. It would be the height of cruelty and hard-heartedness to take note of others' shortcomings instead of rectifying one's own.

—VIVEKANANDA.

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT.

Mr. Krishnaswami Bharathi said that Mahatma Gandhi's name should not be misused. The Minister had not explained why the reference to Mahatma Gandhi was being deleted.

Mr. MAHAVIR TYAGI: "Does he want to have the liberty of using Mahatma Gandhi's name in the elections?" (Laughter).

Mr. BHARATI: "Standing for elections is not a commercial purpose."

—Parliamentary Report.

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Sir Mohammad Zafrullah Khan is reported to have declared for the benefit of U.N. circles that his Government was finding it "very difficult to deal with the delicate situation" in Pakistan, resulting from the Kashmir deadlock and the people's feeling that no plebiscite would be held for some time.

Then hadn't Sir Zafrullah and his Government better clear the way for the plebiscite?

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The fact that the Pakisatn delegate argued for Kashmir's accession to Pakistan on the grounds of trade, water resources and strategy and not the will of the people, is regarded in New Delhi as proving that Kashmir is desired by Pakistan in the latter's own interest and not to serve the people of the state.

We are not excited. Sir Muhammad Zafrullah only vocalised the known reality.

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Sir Mohammad Zafrullah Khan, we learn, had, in his speech, helpfully advised the Security Council, among other things, to consult, General Maurice Delvoie, the U.N. Commission's Military Adviser, "a distinguished soldier, completely fair and impartial, belonging neither to one side nor the other....."

Wasn't there some trouble, some time ago, about General Delvoie? Sir Mohammad Zafrullah's certificate ought fully to settle that matter.

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Silcher (Assam): Mr. M. S. Golwalkar, R.S.S. Chief, will tour Assam in the last week of this month.

Must he tour at all?

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Commenting on the H. Bomb, Professor Einstein describes the present armament race between the U.S.A. and U.S.S.R. as a 'disastrous illusion."

Disastrous, yes. But "illusion"? In the name of all that is going to die, no.

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"In the end" Professor Einstein urges,"there beckons more and more clearly general annihilation."

And they are rushing more and more eagerly to respond to the beckoning.

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Addressing a press conference, Mr. Dean Acheson, a Washington report says, repeatedly emphasised that the road to peace was long and difficult.

And paved with bigger and better atomic bombs.

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The U.S. Ambassador-at-Large, Dr. Philip C. Jessup will, says a Bangkok report, visit shortly Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Ceylon.

But why? Hasn't the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State done enough?

PROTECTING INTERESTS OF RETRENCHED STAFF

By S. H. Jhabvala

The Ministry of Labour, Central Government, Delhi has contradicted the Government of India oft-repeated consolation to workers, especially to Government employees that there is not likely to be any retrenchment. The Ministry of Labour proposes to introduce in the Union Parliament, a short Bill intended to protect the interests of the retrenched staff. It will also have an effect on retrenchment in private enterprises.

In the capitalist structure of society all the world over, there are safeguards to avoid rethenchment, but the systems differ to suit conditions obtained in different countries. In India retrenchment has not received any consideration whatsoever, as a social problem or State policy, a worker being reckoned only as a cheap tool in the hands of the employing community. Industrialisation even today cannot be said to be having a steady footing in our country, it being in the region of regeneration with a new freedom found only recently. Though foreign Government has ceased to administer this land, yet foreign economic influences, such as capital, machinery, technical knowledge, etc. have not only not gone, but are still deeply embedded. We are often told that the country's economy, if not in a chaotic state, is certainly, confused, indefinite and giving rise to grave crucial suspense. That is purely due to our present acceptance of a philosophy of life, thinking, and even industry, in harmony with that division of an international world which accepts the creed that the worker is but an industrial lever with which to propel the master's unchallenged will in factory, work-shop, or office, for it is the owner's own private property.

RETRENCHMENT FEAR

Yoked to labour system of a non-working-class democracy, is it possible to thwart the tides of retrenchment in our industrial concerns? Though we have accepted a position of political Neutrality in international relations, it is always the financial aid received from different countries that determines our associations affecting the fundamentals of our economic and other policies. But, even in America we have a self-contained vocabulary of industrial life and process, and, therefore, retrenchment if and when effected, has no serious repercussions on the whole body politic. Our situation here, is geographically pointing towards the opposite pole of life in general. The grim fact does stare us in the face that, try however we may, our workers cannot be redeemed from the serious fall of the murderous axe of retrenchment unless the very texture of our economic frame is radically altered to suit the modern ideals of equalitarianism. But, that is an inaudible cry today in the rising din of conflicting passions for grabbing at wealth—grabbing at any cost, against which Government action has proved but a failure of no mean magnitude.

DEFECTIVE MEASURE

It is to redeem its honour of the Government that the above Bill is proposed to be introduced. It is seriously defective even in its object in as much as there is no suggestion in it for preventing or taking precautions against the greatest calamity workers of all categories are exposed to at any time, including even the arbitrary will of the employer. Under private property also there are certain human bindings the employer is required to carry out. But there are hundreds in our country which put a premium upon the employer's arbitrary will which plays the dominant role in his dealing with the workers.

WORKERS' RIGHTS

With rights of private property recognised by the State, the proposed Bill does not recognise the rights of the workers even in their fundamental aspects. If the right to strike is by law impelled drastically into the orthodox limbo of barbarity, the worker should have the legitimate measure of proving his case in an impartial tribunal, such as, the Industrial Court to adjudicate his stand that the employer is closing down his concern neither in the interest of the industry concerned, or in that of the State, but that he is doing so for the positive advancement of his own personal gain as well as to swell his profits elsewhere. Why should the elementary right of the worker to seek bare justice be denied to him? It is stated in the objects of he above Bill that as the Court proceedings are bound to be protracted for an unreasonably long period of time, the employer should be immune even from the challenge of the worker that the pretensions of the employer as to loss are groundless. It should not be forgotten that in reality, the worker in disproving the case of the employer is really assisting the State in a number of useful ways. Why is the worker denied the privilege that he is at present enjoying? No worker is foolish enough to trump up a false case; nor is any worker prepared to ill judge the capacity of his employer. On the contrary, he, having been a part of the whole factory, work-shop or the office is the most capable to prove to the court that the retrenched industrial concern should be a profit to the State and should not close.

Therefore, the fundamental right of the worker to approach the Court should in no case be denied on the ground of inordinate delay on the part of the Court. The sins of the Court are repairable by law, but the denial to the worker of what constitutes his sacred right to approach the house of justice for redress of grievance, should in no wise be ever denied to him, much less snatched away from him once it has been given.

That there is no expedition in Industrial Courts is a long-standing complaint of the workers, but the remedy does not lie in replacing an ugly piece of practice by an uglier one tantamount to sheer injustice and subversion of sound canons of Labour civilization.

COMPENSATION LIMITED

Having done that injury, the proposed Bill seeks to limit the compensation proposed to be awarded. It is arbitrarily marked down both in its range and in its volume. It is intended to give 15 days' salary per each service year, that is if a worker has put in 10 years of service he would be awarded 5 months' salary, it not

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

Spanish Morocco In Revolt?

It was in Morocco that General Franco made the preparations for his revolt. And it was mainly the assistance of Moroccan soldiers that eventually brought him into the dictatorial power that he enjoys today. The Moroccans had been promised a human deal. They had been led to hope for some degree of liberation from the yoke that every Spanish regime, totalitarian and democratic had ruthlessly maintained. The services the Moroccans rendered to General Franco did not bring the return due to them. General Franco has proved no better than any other ruler or regime in presenting and exploiting Moroccans as slaves of Spain. It is not unnatural that the people of Morocco should be disillusioned and give expression to their disillusionment in the only way that is open to a people condemned to tyrannical domination by those, who recognise no principles of democracy or freedom. Moreover, the war has released sentiments and aspirations which had long been suppressed by European Imperialism. The entire "colonial" world is in a state of ferment and inspired by the spirit of freedom, which is the right of every people and every country as much in Africa and Asia as in Europe. Therefore the report that tribesmen in Spanish Morocco are in revolt against General Franco does not surprise us.

Inevitable Result

Nor need any one be disagreeably shocked over the fact that according to the same report these Moroccan tribesmen have modern weapons run into the country by Tangier Communists. People who condemn Communism as evil, should not forget that Imperialism and colonial domination are a worse evil. The Imperialists of Europe forget it but Asia and Africa do not. Whatever be the motives of Communists the assistance that they render to a people struggling for freedom from colonial Imperialism is deserving not of condemnation but of praise because that assistance is rendered in the service of a good and just cause. Imperialism has no right to any country and any people; and, if it does not withdraw itself of its own accord, it is inevitably bound to be expelled even if the resultant development be Communism. Communism is, often enough the direct result of resistance to a people's just and democratic urges economic and political. If the colonial Empire of Spain, as of France and others, is threatened with Communism it is the fault of Spain and its regime. The whole of Asia and Africa will sympathise with the Morroccan tribes and wish them well.

Portuguese "Reaction"

Pandit Nehru's statement to the effect that Goa was Indian rather than Portuguese and that Portuguese possessions in India would eventually have to merge in this country was first suppressed both in Portugal and Goa. Then after a few days appeared in the Portuguese press complete with comments the unanimity of which was noteworthy. Now, the Portuguse Ministry for colonies has officially announced that it has received "many telegrams" protesting against the Prime Minister's statement. The telegram, the Ministry adds, have been sent by public and private bodies such as Municipalities and associations of various kinds and by prominent people. All this proves only the dictatorship, which is the lot of Portugal. Organised spontaneity of reaction to any given issue is a well-known feature of any totalitarian regime. No one in the world can be deceived by this outburst It only, we repeat, underlines Dr Salazar's dictatorship No dictatorship, nor, for that matter any other type or regime can keep Portugal in possession of Indian territory for long.

The Outside Of The Platter

Employees of the Government of India ranging from the lowest grade should be lucky people in these days of shortage of housing as the Government desires to provide quarters for them. This information was given by Mr. N. V. Gadgil Minister for Works, Mines and Power while inaugurating, at New Delhi, Man Nagar — a colony for gazetted officers; but the houses will be of the austerity standard. Commenting the simplification of the models, Mr. Gadgil said that it indicated a change from the bungalow to flat mentality and upgrading of the servant quarters to flats. The austerity model, he thought, was calculated to symbolise equality which the Constitution has pledged to all the citizens of India. Real equality should spring from within. It cannot be promoted by external symbol or environments. It is too much to expect simplification of the models of houses to transform the mentality of their occupants — the Government officials —and to inculcate in them the sense of equality. The attitude of superciliouess which has been one of the characteristics of officials will show no appreciable change to politeness and genteleness until they have captured the spirit of democracy and as public servants, have realised their duties towards the public in radically altered conditions. In the meanwhile it would be enough if the officials, with quarters provided for them by the Government appreciate the hardships suffered by homeless and unhappy persons and in their official capacity look expeditiously into the complaints and grievances of the public.

PAKISTAN NEWSLETTER

Hymn Of Hatred Against India

TALK OF WAR ON KASHMIR ISSUE

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, (By Air Mail)

WHILE the United Nations Security Council has been hearing the cases of India and Pakistan vigorous propaganda has been launched all over Western Pakistan rousing feelings of the Muslim masses and asking them to be prepared for a 'Holy war' or "Jehad" against India, saying that Kashmir was a question of life and death for every Pakistani.

Prime Minister Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, who has just returned from his tour of the Rawalpindi and Kakul districts on the border of Azad Kashmir area, did his bit for arousing mass hiysteria by proclaiming 'Pakistan will never allow India to annex Kashmir by force of arms no matter what will be its cost.'

He also challenged Pandit Nehru to prove whether it was Pakistan or India which was actually preparing for war. Mr. Liaquat Ali said that it was in India that a vast machine for 'offensive war' was being geared up and where Ordinance factories were being worked at full pressure and not in Pakistan. Whatever preparations Pakistan was making were for defence only and not for any offensive war.

PAKISTAN PREPARES

Giving details of Pakistan's preparations, the Prime Minister revealed while addressing one of the score of meetings on the Azad Kashmir border, that the Government were spending 300 million rupees this year to ensure the safety of the country's independence which has naturally resulted in the slowing down of other nation-building programmes.

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan further said that he was aware of the hardships some of the people faced and were still facing and he bluntly told them that he would rather give them some more hardships than offer them ease at the cost of independence.

Sardar Abdul Rab Nishtar, the Governor of Punjab, has also joined the Prime Minister in his campaign against India during his recent tour of the province, saying that 'Kashmir belongs to Pakistan and there could be no compromise with India on this issue.'

Pakistan's Finance Minister Mr. Ghulam Mohammed also said in an interview here that 'the patience of the people of Pakistan has been heavily taxed and that the Government were fully aware of the public sentiments in this respect.'

CHITTAGONG PORT

The Pakistan Cabinet has now approved a three-year plan for the development of the Chittagong port.

The whole scheme, which will cost the Pakistan Government Rs. 14.5 crores, has been prepared by Rendel Palmer Tritton of the MRV group of the Consulting Engineers to the Government of Pakistan.

The plan, which envisages the construction of 13 new jetties, thus bringing the total number of jetties to 18, will enable the Chittagong Port to handle over three million tons of cargo annually.

While the actual construction of jetties may be taken up next year, a provision of Rs. 1.36 crores has been made for preliminary expenses during the current year.

AFGHANISTAN

On account of continued strained relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan, the Peshawar Import Export Association has urged trade or economic sanctions against Afghanistan.

In a resolution adopted in this connection, this Association has asked the Government of Pakistan that on all kinds of goods entering Pakistan from Afghanistan, land Customs may be enforced asking Afghan exporters to pay this duty in Pakistan currency.

The resolution also urges steps to enforce such rules and regulation on all commodities exported from Afghanistan into Pakistan either for transit or local consumption in Pakistan as are hitherto enforced by Afghanistan on goods sent from Pakistan.

FILMS TOO BARRED

With a view to give stimulus to film producton in Pakistan, appeals have been made to restrict imports of Indian films into the country.

It is claimed that besides being 'quite contrary to Muslim culture and tradition', Indian films drain away large sums of money out of the country. Moreover, Pakistan being yet a 'baby' in the field of film production while India has attained a fair degree of maturity in this respect, the Home Industry cannot compete with the Indian industry either quantitatively or qualitatively.

Accordingly, Pakistan authorities have been asked to restrict the import of Indian films if it is not possible to ban them altogether in the beginning.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

St. Catherine's Home

Bombay has institutions of every description and colour, but one among them that rings clear and true, like crystal among common glass is St. Catherine's Home at Andheri. Twenty five years ago a lady called Miss Ida Dickenson was inspired by the personality, work and character of that grand man, and magnificent orator Archbishop Goodier and straightaway founded St. Catherine's. It started with a handful of girls at Kandivli and increasing in number, later moved to Andheri where it was looged in the house of Mr. Phirozshaw Godrej for ten years. It is comprised of 'all in one and one in all' i.e. a Maternity, Industrial, Foundling and Rescue Home, combined with a Boarding School where good schooling is given in English, Marathi, Gujerati Hindi There are about 230 mates at present varying from the new born to the old and infirm. They are all housed in various huts. St. Anne's Cottage holds infants from 4 to 14 years, St Margaret's Cottage is for new-born infants and other foundlings while the Cottage of St. Agnes holds the unfortunate seeking light. In 1948 St. Catherine's Home was asked to vacate and was practically thrown out on the streets when Mr. Bruno Joseph Gomes came to the rescue and offered them a gift of five acres of land. From then onwards this valiant band of workers resolved to stand and build on their own. A building soon appeared through the great generosity of Mr. Shapurji Pallonji Mistry, who donated the fine sum of Rs. 25,000/- towards the building of St. Margaret's Cottage. Now we are in need of the Cottage of St. Anne which shall house inmates from 4 to 14 years.

I appeal to Bombay to make a gift of this building when it shall be called BOMBAY'S GIFT COTTAGE. Rani Maharaj Singh is much interested in this scheme and is sponsoring the cause. Donations, big or small, will be very welcome and should be sent to Bapsy Sabavala, Industrial Assurance Building, Opposite Churchgate Station. All cheques may be drawn in favour of St Catherine's Home. Bombay has always answered in the past to a good and righteous cause. Never can she support anything more deserving and refreshing than St. Catherine's Home. Here a small colony of women from the time the day begins to the time the sun sets work all together in a solid spirit of real citizenship.

BAPSEY SABAWALA.

For Theosophists

Your two correspondents writing under the caption "Self-Evident" in your issue of 4th instant have offered nothing credit worthy and have for some plausible excuses left the issue of the Himalayan Masters hanging in midair.

In this connection we beg leave to ask. Do the Masters of Theosophy expect us to believe in modern times in such stuff as the following:—

"Mrs. Besant was first born into human form on the fourth globe of the sixth round of the moon chain. There she was a savage leading warlike expeditions and nursing a wounded man. Passing over several million years we come to the fourth root race of the fourth globe of the fourth round of the fourth chain....." etc. (See Mr. Bestermen's "Mrs. Annie Besant")

Similarly can anybody give credence to what is supposedly unveiled in 'Lives of Alcyone' (past lives of J. Krishnamurti etc.) by Mr. Leadbeater or put his faith in Masters Koot Hoomi Morya, Hilarion etc. some invisible beings?—up in the clouds and inaccessible to us on the mundane plane?

We are asked to believe that these Masters chose Mme Blavatsky as their envoy to mankind. But there is not a shred of unshakable evidence to uphold this transcendantal claim and Mr. Bestermen the author of Mrs. Annie Besant" who had himself been a distinguished theosophist calls all this as a supreme product of Blavatsky's fertile brain. So apparently there is nothing to go upon but to speculate

Here Mr. J. Krishnamurti too has refused to be led by the nose in these things and cut himself aloof from the T. S.

We may also refer to Mr Ernest Wood an eminent theosophist for many years and author of many well known works. He has written a very revealing book and thrown a lurid light on many momentous matters under the auspices of Theosophy and has challengingly entitled his book "Is This Theosophy?"

In view of all that we have adduced above, will any of our Theosophist friends kindly tell us whether the so-called Himalayan Masters have any objective reality and are not the deus ex machina of theosophical Utopia?

—MULCHAND DEOMAL.

Surat.

Railway Fares

It would appear that since the introduction of the Second Class Special, the passenger traffic by First Class has dropped a great deal. It is not uncommon to see First Class compartments running empty or partially empty Neithe the Railways nor the travelling public gain anything by it Indeed, it is a dead loss and hardship It is, therefore, suggested that the fares for Second Class Special be reduced to one-anna per mile, and of the First Class to one-and-a-half-anna per mile. It is then anticipated that both the types of accommodation will be utilised fully, or more fully than now, to the advantage of the Railways and the passengers

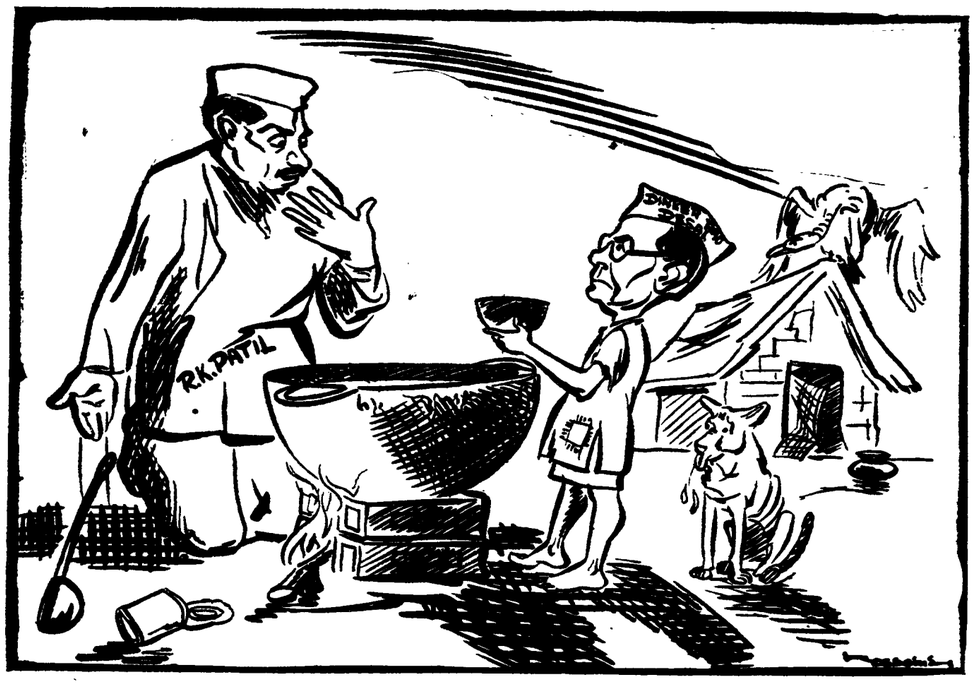
—P KODANDA RAO.

Exhibition Nuisance

You may be aware that another exhibition is going to be held at the end of this month This exhibition will be held behind the building, where I stay After hard day's work the public require rest, peace and sleep, but such exhibitions are a nuisance to the public and this one is going to last for about three months. It is very surprising that the P.W.D. is giving permission for such exhibitions, without taking into consideration the nuisance that they will cause to the residents of the locality.

— M. F. SETHNA.

MAY I HAVE SOME MORE, PLEASE?



SHOOTING MEN IN JAILS IS ATROCIOUS SAVAGERY

Jayaprakash Urges High-Level Judicial Enquiry

PATNA, Feb. 14, (PTI): Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan in a statement today asked for the institution of "a high-level judicial enquiry" into the firing incident in Salem jail on Saturday and suspension forthwith of the officers concerned.

Mr. Narayan said: "I cannot imagine a more shocking news than that of the recent firing in the Salem prison in the State of Madras. According to official reports 19 persons were killed and 40 injured. Apparently the prisoners were Communists. I am one of those who consider Communist methods and the Communists themselves as one of the serious dangers to this country; and the Communists too have never hesitate to return the compliment and to treat me as their enemy number one. But I cannot allow my views to influence my attitude towards such fundamental issues as human values and civil liberties.

"It has been reported that the prisoners had armed themselves with glasspanes and iron rods, but no matter how armed they were they surely had no guns with them and it should have been the case of the authorities who were armed with superior weapons to use them with the utmost restraint, I cannot imagine any situation in a prison in which it could ever be necessary to kill outright as many as were killed at Salem to control only a group of prisoners.

Prisoners, no matter how dangerous they are as free individuals, are the most helpless of creatures and to treat them as wild animals of the jungle and to shoot them down by the dozen is a kind of savagery which cannot but be condemned in the strongest language by all right-minded citizens.

"If the Congress Government at all desire to vindicate their claim to be a civilised Government the least that they must do is to suspend forthwith the officers concerned and to institute a high-level judicial enquiry."

Stop Press

OFFENSIVE

SAIGON, Feb. 14 (PTI-Reuter).—French and Viet Namese forces have started an offensive in the Thai Binh region, 60 miles south-east of Hanoi, to dislodge Viet Minh forces from the last important sector they hold in the Red River delta.

SPLIT

BANGKOK, Feb. 14 (PTI-Reuter).—A split in the Siamese Cabinet and a warning of possible revolutionary activity against the Government have followed a proposal by Premier Marshal Songkram to give prompt recognition to the newly-independent Indo-China states of Viet Nam, Cambodia and Laos.

LUNATIC'S ACT

HELSINKI, Feb. 14 (PTI-Reuter).—The explosion which blew in the main doors of the Finnish Parliament this morning was probably caused by a home-made bomb thrown by a lunatic, Helsinki police officials said today.

CLASH

NICE, Feb. 14 (PTI-Reuter).—Cases which police said contained launching ramps for "special devices" were thrown into the sea here today by Communist-led strikers after a clash with Republican security guards. The "special devices" were believed to be weapons resembling either Vee Ones or Vee Twos.

FIRING FULLY JUSTIFIED

Official Opinion About Salem Incident

MADRAS, Feb. 14.

Opinion in responsible Government circles on the causes that led to the opening of fire on the prisoners in the Salem Central jail on February 11, resulting in the death of 22 of them, seems to be that firing was fully justified, in fact it could not be helped, adds the United Press of India. The warders had to open fire at least to protect themselves, said Mr. K. Madhava Menon, Minister for Jails, who returned to Madras last night after an on-the-spot investigation.

The Jailor, Krishnan Nair, it is stated, was thrown on the ground, trampled and kicked by the convicts making him unconscious. The convicts did not stop at that. He has not yet regained his consciousness although it is three days since the incident took place.

The Deputy Jailor was hit on his head resulting in serious injuries. Another warder was also hit.

This was described to be the stage at which 12 warders came rushing with arms and ammunitions. Not trained in the police way and being supplied with buck-shots instead of bullets and being at a very close range, they seemed to have fired straight shots resulting in the immediate killing of 17 convicts on the spot. The buck-shots having blown into smithereens, they had spread themselves and hit those nearby, accounting for the injury of as many as 100.

It is further stated in official circles that the incident was not a sudden development but the culmination of a long history of indiscipline on the part of the convicts. They had been misbehaving for a long time, refusing to abide by jail discipline. In the last incident on February 11, the Jailor Krishnan Nair, thought he could succeed in advising the Communist prisoners, most of whom were Malayalees, but unfortunately he had to fall a victim himself to their violence.

Demand For An Enquiry

MADRAS, Feb. 14, (PTI): Mr. V. Chakkarai Chettiar, President of the All India Trade Union Congress, today urged the Madras Government to hold a public enquiry by "an impartial and unofficial tribunal" into Saturday's firing inside Salem jail.

Twenty convicted Communist prisoners died as a result of the firing and nearly 100 were injured.

Mr. Chettiar described official accounts on the incident as "a jumble of incredible stories" which he said could not afford any justification.

He said that any evasion of an enquiry would be regarded as "tantamount to a confession of guilt".

CONGRESS PLANS

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ly result in a fair election of the Congress committees and the delegates," the Congress Working Committee at its last sitting decided that an official resolution is to be brought up before the ensuing session of the A.I.C.C. making the village 'panches' the voters for election of all the subordinate Congress committees, the P.C.C.'s and the Congress delegates. This would, effect, mean disenfranchisement of the 'effective' members from voting in the Congress elections as such. The 'effective' membership, however, will remain a qualification for being elected to any Congress committee, it was learnt.

WHO REPORT ON POLIO

Submission Soon

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

THE World Health Organisation expert team on poliomyelitis, which was invited by the Government of India to evaluate the existing conditions of treatment of the disease in India and recommend for the additional facilities that might be needed for fighting the disease, will submit their report to the Health Ministry of the Government of India on the first week of March, UPI learns here today.

The team headed by Dr. N. K. Kezerian and consisting of his wife Mrs. Helen Kezerian and a physical therapeutist, Miss Sue Alice Burton, which arrived in India about the middle of January this year, has already visited Delhi, Calcutta, Madras and Bombay where they enquired into the existing conditions of treatment of poliomyelitis and delivered lectures to the medical profession on the methods of its prevention.

Dr. Kezerian told the UPI today that the main recommendations of the team to the Government of India would envisage the expansion of hospitals in the major cities and steps for adequate training facilities for turning out orthopaedic surgeons, physical therapeutist and specially trained nurses for the "triangular treatment" required for the disease.

SATISFACTION

Dr. Kezerian expressed satisfaction about the existing system and method of treatment of polio in the major cities in India which was of a "very high standard," he said. But in order to cope with the disease properly in this vast country at least one orthopaedic surgeon must be available to every 200,000 people, he said. One triangle team of specialists, he added, would be able to protect at least 5,000 men, women and children from an epidemic of polio.

The W.H.O. expert emphasised that about 80 per cent cases of polio could be "almost recovered" by adequate treatment and the rest 20 per cent could be prevented by hygienic water supply and sewage systems on which the spread of polio depended largely. In the major cities in India these water supply and sewage systems were "excellent", he said.

Dr. Kezerian disclosed that the J.J. Hospital in Bombay would shortly start a research centre on poliomyelitis and its prevention.

Citizenship Rights For Indians In Ceylon

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

SIR OLIVER GOONETILLEKE, Ceylon's High-Commissioner in London said in Bombay tonight that he felt that the talks between India and Ceylon on citizenship rights for Indians in Ceylon would soon end in an amicable settlement.

Sir Oliver who arrived in Bombay from Madras this morning, told Press Trust of India: "I have had ten days' consultations with the Prime Minister of Ceylon, Mr. D. S. Senanayake, and other Cabinet Ministers on all matters now engaging the attention of the Government of Ceylon.

"The Indian High Commissioner in Ceylon, Mr. V. V. Giri," said Sir Oliver, "and other Indian leaders in Ceylon are personal friends of mine and I took the opportunity of my presence in Ceylon to discuss with them the points that were preventing Indians' acceptance of the citizenship laws which are now on our statute book I feel certain that these talks have considerably cleared the air and that Mr. Giri's efforts to bring about an amicable settlement will soon materialize".

Sir Oliver stated that Mr. Giri was now in Madras and he had met him.

TRIBUTE TO RAJAJI

The Ceylon High Commissioner during his stay in Madras met Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, former Governor-General of India. "My interview with Rajaji", said Sir Oliver, "was of course of great value to me. There are few men alive today who have a clearer picture of Asian problems than Rajaji. Even a short conversation with him cannot but inspire one to great effort in the service of one's country".

Sir Oliver also met the Chief Minister of Madras, Mr. Kumaraswami Raja and other ministers of the Madras Cabinet.

Speaking about his work in London, Sir Oliver said: "I naturally find it of greatest advantage to work in very close collaboration with the Indian High Commissioner in London, Mr V. K. Krishna Menon. Basically the problems of India, Pakistan and Ceylon are the same. It is a common fight against poverty. So long as the representatives abroad of these three countries keep this factor in mind we cannot but work very closely together in all the problems that come up for discussions either in Commonwealth groups or in the wider international groups"

Sir Oliver is flying to London tomorrow afternoon.

News BRIEFS

PRESENT: A four-reel 35-minute motion picture film entitled "Pandit Nehru in the United States" has been presented to the Government of India by representatives of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

ORGANIC UNITY: Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah, Chief Minister of Kashmir, prior to his departure for Bangalore, a three-day stay in the city told the P.T.I. Tuesday: "My visit has assured me that although India is so vast and diverse, there is an organic unity among Indians from Kashmir to Cape Comorin."

A SPECIAL SESSION: Of the Marathi Journalists' Conference is to be held in May next to frame a new constitution for the conference. The venue of the session will be announced later.

FOOD DRIVE: As part to its food production drive, the Government of the United States of Travancore and Cochin has decided to provide over thirty thousand acres of land for the landless people in Vandamettu reserve area for cultivation. Each individual will be allotted five to ten acres and a sum of Rs. 200 will be advanced to each to meet the initial cultivation expenses.

DETRIMENTAL: T ehChief Minister of the Patiala and East Punjab States Union, Sardar Gian Singh Rarewala, said Tuesday that the recent agitation started by Master Tara Singh for the replacement of the Patiala flag was "ill-conceived, ill-advised and extremely detrimental to Sikh interests".

ANOTHER CAMP: A second relief camp has been opened by Government to accommodate refugees coming from Deolali camp for settlement in Ahmedabad.

STUDENTS: The National Union of Students will meet in Kolhapur in the last week of April.

DR. SAIYADAIN: Educational Adviser to the Bombay Government, visited the Bhonsle Military School in Nasik Monday and discussed the development of the school with Mr. Kayande, General Secretary.

FOOD FILMS: With a view to educating the public in regard to the Grow More Food Campaign, it was decided at a conference of representatives of state Governments held recently at New Delhi, to prepare films for exhibitions on various aspects of the drive like making of composts, soil conservation, seed preservation, etc.

EVERY FACILITY: Separate arrangements at every polling station and booth for women, particularly 'pradhanasheen' women, will be made by the Hyderabad Government in connection with the ensuing elections to the Hyderabad and Secunderabad municipalities.

FOREST UTILISATION: The Government of India have decided to reconstitute the Central Advisory Board on forest utilisation with seventeen members and two observers besides the chairman. The Union Minister of Agriculture will be ex-officio chairman.

SEA MAILS: The next despatch of overseas mails from India for Ceylon, Australia, Fiji Islands and New Zealand will be made from Bombay on February 17, 1950 by P&O RMS "STRATHMORE". Mails arriving in Bombay Foreign Post upto 6 p.m. on February 17 will be included in the despatch subject to limit of shipping space.

DEMAND: Separate electorates were demanded for the scheduled castes at a meeting held in Chittagong.

DACOITIES: One hundred and seventy-four dacoities were reported from various districts of East Bengal during the fortnight ending January 31.

CATTLE SHOW: The Baroda District Rural Development Board will hold an agricultural and cattle show at Bodeli in Sankhedai taluka on February 17 and 18.

RIFLE CLUBS: A sum of rupees ten lakhs will be provided in the next West Punjab budget for the establishment of rifle clubs to train 100,000 men in the province to handle rifles.

NO PLEBISCITE TILL MARAUDERS ARE CHASED OUT

ABDULLAH CLEARS UP MISCONCEPTIONS

BANGALORE, February 14. (PTI)

SHEIKH ABDULLA, Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, declared here today that "there can be no plebiscite in Kashmir till every inch of Kashmir comes under the lawful Government". If a plebiscite did take place, he had not the slightest doubt that Kashmir would vote for the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Nehru.

Sheikh Abdullah, who addressed a public meeting of twenty thousand for nearly two hours, traced the history of the Kashmir dispute.

He said he wanted to clear certain misconceptions about the Kashmir problem which had been deliberately created in the minds of the people in India and throughout the world. Unless they were cleared, he said, the Kashmir dispute could not be solved.

Firstly, it had been said by the leaders of Pakistan that India was divided on a religious basis, and that the division took place because Hindus and Muslims could not live together. Therefore, it was argued, Kashmir being predominantly Muslim had got its place in Pakistan and not in India. This was the propaganda that Pakistan was consistently carrying on in foreign countries.

"But," Sheikh Abdullah said, "I have been maintaining all along that India was not divided on the basis of religion. India was divided on the basis of politics."

6 Reds Released In Madras

MADRAS, Feb. 14.—The Madras Government have ordered the release of six Communists, two each from Madura and the East Godavari Districts and one each from Tinnevelly and South Kanara Districts on their giving an undertaking that they will not, in future, take part in any activities connected with the Communist party.

MADURA: Thillaivanam, a Communist convict who escaped from police custody last month was shot dead today by police near Chattrapatti in Palni taluk of Madura District, according to reports received here today.

BANARAS.—Eighty persons have been arrested in Ballia District in connection with the Communist disturbance in village Kundava on Republic Day.

SO MANY COWS

LUCKNOW, Feb. 14 (PTI): India's livestock population is 264 million, about a quarter of the total bovine population of the world.

This was disclosed in a memorandum submitted by the Indian delegation to the FAO conference on livestock breeding under tropical and subtropical conditions being held at Lucknow.

Protecting Interests Of Retrenched Staff

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being known whether such salary referred to as computed on what the employee was getting when he joined the service or what he was getting when he was compelled out of job. It is not taken into account by the Bill under consideration that there are in most establishments different grades and different categories in which different calculations are made, that there are minima and there are maxima of different ranks of employees. Is there to be a uniformity in the range and period of payment of a gratuity? If so, the Ministry of Labour would be going against its own pledge and pleadings often made, that the under-dog should be given the greatest succour whenever in trouble. Under the present contemplation of the scheme in question, the superior ranks would derive a wholesome benefit, while the under-dog would be dismissed with a few coins just to tide over a very short time's ration both for himself and his family. A 200 Rupee servant turned out after 10 years service with loyalty and zeal would get on being retrenched Rs. 1000 and a 100 Rupee inferior servant with the same period of service would be getting Rs. 500 provided the calculation pertaining to both is based on the last pay drawn and not the minimum of the starting pay. Can the disparity help to tide over the calamity of the latter as well as the former? The standards of life between the two to-day are not of a visible distinction, and both again cannot be assured of an early job in the industrial field. The compensation proposed under the Bill does not take cognisance of these factors but it is intended to be donated to the unemployed man as a pious gift as if to expiate the sins of the employer in not running his shop any further.

NOT BOLD ENOUGH

No one can doubt the sympathy for Labour underlying the principle of the new piece of legislation; it is the first of its kind in the annals of the Congress Government. But the innovation is not broad-based on sound economic calculations with redemption to the labourer as its foremost thought after retrenchment. The whole seems to be more in the nature of a parting kick, than saving a disastrous situation in which the whole society is likely to plunge. Therefore, before the proposed Bill is brought up for discussion in the Parliament, Government must consult their own experts on Labour problems. Even different Labour Unions may be consulted at the very outset. The Bill needs to purify itself in the crucible of sound reasoning, militating against the very conditions that give rise to retrenchment.

EVIL DESIGNS ON KASHMIR

National Conference Leader Warns

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14.

Pakistan visualizes a complete liquidation of the State of Jammu and Kashmir and its subsequent merger with West Pakistan. Plebiscite, for which the leaders of Pakistan have no faith or respect as a principle, is a convenient means for them to annex Kashmir in order to put an end to the independent identity of Kashmiris as an entity.

"In their scheme, Kashmir would follow in the wake of the people of the Frontier, Baluchistan and East Bengal, who have already lost their freedom and honourable existence", said Maulana Mohd. Sayeed, General Secretary of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference, while commenting on a recent speech of the former Acting President of the Muslim Conference, Mr. A. R. Sagar in Rawalpindi.

Mr. Sagar had advocated that the State of 'Jammu and Kashmir' should be merged with West Pakistan' as a single and homogeneous unit after its accession to Pakistan" on the ground that Kashmir was not, according to him, a "conglomeration of various territorial units but only an integral part of Pakistan."

Maulana Sayeed added: "This is a bit of plain-speaking on the part of Mr. Sagar, and he has left no doubt as to the real intentions of Pakistan in regard to Kashmir.

NO PAK REPLY TO 'NO WAR' PROPOSAL

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14 (PTI): The Government of India have not so far received Pakistan's reply to India's proposal of a "No War Declaration," it is authoritatively learnt here.

The Pakistan Government's Foreign Minister, Mr. Zafrullah Khan, had stated a few days ago before the Security Council that his Government had sent a five-point proposal on the "No War Declaration" and detailed those points. The Government of India is understood to have received no such communication so far.

Gypsum Investigations

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14. The Geological Survey of India have completed sixty-three reports relating to investigations carried out by its officers during the third quarter of 1949, according to a quarterly progress report brought out by that department. These reports deal, among other things, with investigations on gypsum, pyrites, barytes, ceramic raw materials, copper, etc.

As the three months under report coincided with the recess period and aslo included the rainy season, extensive field work was not possible. Officers were mostly busy examining their collections and in writting up their respective reports.

The Mineral Information Bureau of G.S.I. attended to nearly 800 enquiries from India and abroad during the period and carried out more than 500 analyses.

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, February 14

Stock Exchange opening prices:
Anaconda Copper Mining 29-5 8.
General Motors 76-1/2 (ex.-div.
U. S. Steel Common 30-1 8.
Ditto Pref. 142.—P T.I.-Reuter

KASHMIR MUSLIMS IN INDIA

Enough Work And Good Treatment

JAMMU, Feb. 14 (UPI): The excellent treatment meted out by the Hindus and Sikhs of the Punjab to the Kashmiri Muslims has played an important part in attracting a large number of Kashmiri Muslim labourers this year. It is estimated that about 20,000 labourers migrated to the plains in India this winter in search of employment as usual.

To study the condition of these labours, the Kashmir Government, some time back, had deputed an officer. In his report to the Government this officer stated that not only were the labours getting enough of work, they were also enjoying full freedom of thought, worship and movement.

He was greatly impressed with the "nice behaviour of the Hindus and Sikhs of the Punjab towards the Kashmiri Muslims." This, the officer said, was in sharp contrast to the treatment that the stranded Kashmiri Muslims received at the hands of "their co-religionists in the West Punjab, in Pakistan who wish to finish the Kashmir Muslims as a free nation."

It is officially learnt that for the welfare of the labourers, the Jammu and Kashmir Government has created two posts of Labour Welfare Officers one at Banihal and the other at Jammu The Assistant Trade Agents at Pathankot and Amritsar have also been designated as Labour Officers. These officers will see that the labourers going to India are provided with all sorts of facilities.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON MARCH

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.

Previous closing	31.86
Today's opening	31.92
Difference	+7
Today's closing	32.15
Difference	+30

LAST QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, Feb. 14.

Silver Forward	Rs. 186 4
Gold forward	Rs. 116 6
Silver Bullion	Rs. 185 12
Silver Mint	Rs. 186 8
Gold ready	Rs. 116 10
Sovereign	Rs. 75 8

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Feb 14 (PTI-Reuter): Sentiment brightened on the London Stock Exchange today and the trading period ended on a cheerful note. British Government Funds and most other domestic issues moved higher on Stock Market hopes of a conservative victory at the coming elections. Nationalisation candidates, in the event of a socialist win, were outstanding with useful gains, with cement shares finding particularly strong market.

Trading volume, however, remained very small and higher levels were seldom tested

Holders of Imperial Tobacco shares were pleased with the maintained distribution of thirty-two per cent for the year. Some had been expecting a slight reduction but profits at £88,52,000 were £730,000 higher than last year. These and other Tobaccos closed very firm.

Profit-taking in Japanese Bonds reduced early gains in these issues. Europeans were fractionally lower on the day.

South African minings were steady in idleness but some gains were shown by coppers.

Reserve Bank Statement

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Reserve Bank of India statement for the week ended February 10, shows a rise of Rs. 12.02 crores under notes in circulation and Rs. .10 crores in foreign securities, while notes held in the Banking Department have declined by Rs. 3.55 crores. Central Government deposits have improved by Rs. 1.42 crores but scheduled banks, deposits fell by Rs. 98 lakhs. Balances held abroad got reduced by Rs. 3.70 crores to Rs. 195.17 crores.

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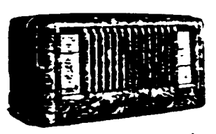

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LONDON POLICE AND G. MEN HUNT FOR ATOM SPIES

Relentless Search Follows Scientist's Disclosure

LONDON, Feb. 13 (PTI-Reuter)—Police and counter-espionage agents here have spread a wide net for the men to whom atom scientist Klaus Fuchs is alleged to have handed over atomic secrets destined for the Kremlin. Some of his contacts, according to his alleged confession read in court here last Friday, were Russians and others of unknown nationality.

If police and agents of M I.5 Britain's top secret intelligence outfit, succeed in identifying any of them it will expose the biggest spy ring-operating in the United States and Britain—since before the war.

Three agents from the United States Federal Bureau of investigation—G. men are reported to be in England co-operating with British authorities.

Sir David Kelly, British Ambassador to Moscow, today gave the Foreign Secretary Mr. Ernest Bevin and Washington Envoy Sir Oliver Franks a picture of events inside Russia since President Truman announced America was building the hydrogen bomb.

Though diplomatic officials were silent on the subjects discussed, it is believed they covered a wide range, with Sir David Kelly spotlighting Kremlin reaction to latest American atomic control, "feelers" such as the McMahon "Global Marshal Aid" plan.

Senator Brien McMahan, Chairman of the Congressional Atomic Committee proposed this month that the United States should offer to the world a 50 billion dollar "Global Marshal Plan" in exchange for "truce international control of atomic energy and disarmament."

Secret Talks On Atom At Harwell

HARWELL (Berkshire), Feb. 13. (PTI-Reuter): The most tightly sealed talks of international scientists in Britain since the war ended yesterday with nothing on record except what lies locked in the brains of those who took part.

Even blotting paper and scratch pads used in the four-day meeting of British, Canadian and United States atom experts were burned at the end of each session, and tonight the Ministry of Supply said no statement would be issued.

The "top secret" discussions, held at Britain's atom research station here, were called to decide what, if anything, about atom secrets the three Governments could now safely release for general publication.

The simultaneous arraignment at Bow Street of Dr. Klaus Fuchs, 38 year old naturalised British refugee scientist, now awaiting trial on charges of giving away secrets of his own work at Harwell, was understood to have been discussed.

Also considered in the deliberations over what must remain secret was the announcement of the atomic explosion in Russia last year.

This gathering was the fourth of a series for the scientists of the three nations. The last was held at Chalk River, Ontario, last September.

Advances In Indian Social Work Praised

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin, Feb. 13: India's advances in social work are praised by Miss Elmina Lucke, an American woman who established the National YWCA School of Social Work at the University of Delhi.

She sees important work ahead for the social workers of India, Burma and Ceylon, and describes the Delhi school as a training ground "for men and women who believe that trained leadership and dedicated purpose are needed to meet the welfare needs of the new Asia."

Miss Lucke has returned to New York after almost three years in India. She is in Milwaukee attending the annual convention of the American Association of Schools for Social Work.

She did educational research for 19 years at Columbia University Teachers College in New York and has also had social service experience with the Children's Bureau of the U.S. Government's Department of Labour. On one sabbatical leave she studied the teaching of social science in India at eight university centres. In 1946 she returned to India to help establish the Delhi social service school.—USIS.

ASSAM-CALCUTTA AIR LIFT

8 Planes Engaged Daily

GAUHATI, Feb. 14 (PTI): A huge quantity of essential commodities are being airlifted to Assam from Calcutta, following restrictions and subsequent suspension of movement of goods through East Pakistan from and to the rest of India.

On an average 15 planes carrying essential cargo for the State are touching down daily during the last few weeks at Kahikuchi landing ground which was developed following partition of India to facilitate passengers traffic between Assam and Calcutta.

In January 20,36,726 pounds of cargo consisting mainly of vegetable ghee, mustard oil, bidi, cigarettes, sugar, machine parts and hosiery goods were flown in, while 13,30,573 pounds of tea, oranges, ginger, tezpata, etc., were taken back to Calcutta.

Besides this, about 35 lakhs of oranges have also been airlifted so far from Shella in the Khasi and Jaintia Hills direct to Calcutta.

"Dawn's" Canard Exposed

CALCUTTA, Feb. 14, (UPI): Attention having been drawn to reports published in the "Dawn" of Karachi under head lines "West-Bengal's Militant organisations scheme", "Police Action on Hyderabad Model," "Khulna First Objective", Dr. B. C. Roy, Chief Minister, West Bengal, Categorically dismissed the report as "a myth and absolutely without any foundation".

Interviewed by the United Press of India in this connection, Dr. Roy said: "The Government is not aware of any militant organisation intending police action. The report of arms and ammunition being obtained from certain foreign country" for this country is absolutely a falsehood. No state Government can think of purchasing arms and ammunition, because it is the duty of the central Government to do. The whole report is a myth and absolutely without any foundation".

NEW YORK, Feb. 13 (PTI-Reuter): The World Jewish Congress today asked Afghanistan to remove what it called the ban against Jews leaving that country. It made the request in a letter to the Afghan Ambassador, Sardar Mohammed Naim. The Congress said that only in isolated instances had Afghanistan Jews been permitted to leave. There were over 5,000 Jews in Afghanistan, the Congress said.

BAN ON EXPORT OF GROUNDNUT

Saurashtra Explains

RAJKOT, Feb. 14 (PTI): Explaining the need for the ban on the export of groundnut seeds and oil from Saurashtra announced on Sunday, a Commerce Ministry spokesman said here today: "The earliest forecast in November last year was about two lakh tons of groundnut seeds but due to vagaries of weather and rain last year, the forecast has been dwindling in every state in India. In Saurashtra, the final crop estimate is about 1.5 to 1.6 lakh tons of seeds. There has been no carry forward of groundnut seeds of the previous year in Saurashtra because there was a famine in the State".

The spokesman said the normal needs of groundnut seeds of Saurashtra for consumption and sowing purposes was about 80 to 85 thousand tons and for soap and vanaspati industries another 30,000 tons. He said after the record exports from Saurashtra in January this year in pursuance of the policy of the Government of India, it had become impossible to allow any further export of seeds or oil.

COMPOST MANURE FROM REFUSE

Expert Wants An Ordinance!

GWALIOR, Feb. 13. (PTI): Dr. C. V. Acharya, Compost Development Officer of the Government of India called for expansion of compost production in Madhya Bharat.

Dr. Acharya who has completed his fortnight tour of the State suggested promulgation of an ordinance to compel the municipalities to convert refuse into compost manure and to requisition land to locate their compost depots.

Dr. Acharya said compaign for more manure production should be carried out in every village. The campaign, he proposed should be made for improved methods of manure production.

POLICE OFFICIAL SUSPENDED

Patiala Murder Case Echo

PATIALA, Feb. 14 (UPI): Sardar Ajaib Singh, Superintendent of Police, Patiala, Inspector Hari Singh, A. S. I. Shibnarayan of Patiala, Gurudev Singh, S.I., Sanguru, and Tara Singh, head constable, Barnala, have, it is learnt, been suspended from yesterday in connection with the Malerkotla murder case. Departmental enquiries are being instituted against them.

The charge against them, it is further learnt, is that these police officers used third degree methods against the persons arrested in connection with the murder of Malerkotla Kotwal. Maj. Pratap Singh, Superintendent of Police, Sanguru is visiting Patiala in this connection.

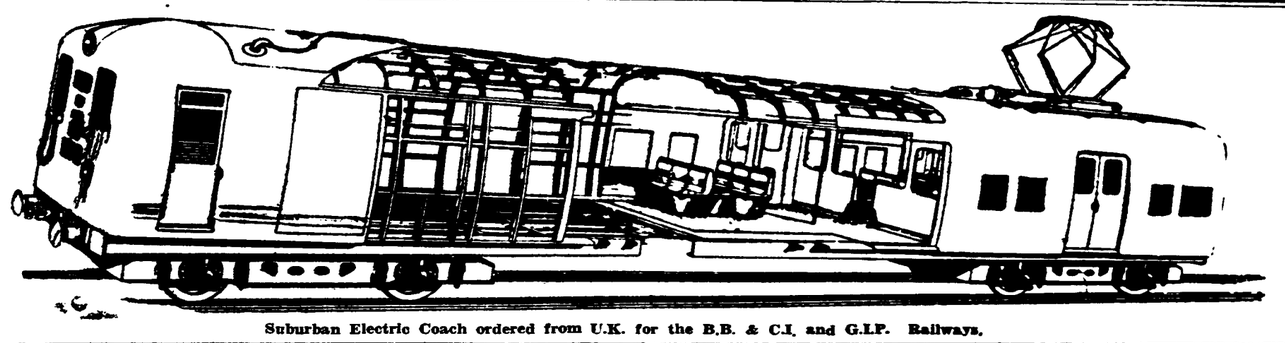
CEYLON DETAINS CHIANG'S SHIP

U. S. Request

COLOMBO, (Ceylon), Feb. (PTI-Reuter): Ceylon authorities have detained the 3,818 ton Chinese Nationalist cargo ship 'Union Pioneer' now lying in Colombo harbour. It is one of the 42 American merchant ships sold to the Chinese Nationalist Government on which America claims mortgages are still outstanding.

The Union Pioneer' is the fifth Nationalist ship to be detained at the request of the American Government in a week.

The 7,607 ton 'Chunking Victory' was held at Aden yesterday. Last month the American State Department instructed its Consuls in the Far East to detain these ships to prevent them falling into Communist hands.



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FRANTIC BID FOR SCOTTISH VOTES

Attlee And Churchill Speeding Northwards

LONDON, Feb. 13. (PTI-Reuter): While last minute nominations were being filed today, the leaders of both the Labour and Conservative parties, Mr. Clement Attlee and Mr. Winston Churchill, were making a bid for the Scottish votes.

Mr. Churchill was speeding northwards today for a rally of Conservatives at Edinburgh tomorrow. But Mr. Attlee was already addressing meetings at Greenock, Glasgow, Falkirk and Edinburgh, in the course of his 1,000-mile national tour.

Speaking at Greenock in support of Mr. Hector Mcneil, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Attlee declared, "Victory is in the air as in 1945. Great progress is indicated in areas formerly considered strongly anti-labour. All that is required now is to keep up an intensive champaign on the doorstep until polling day"

At Greenock, women Communists with banners declaring "Uncle Sam is a friendly man, he'll blow up Britain if he can" staged a demonstration as Mr. Attlee arrived.

Communists paraded outside the meeting hall with placards bearing other slogans as "the Atlantic Pact means war—stop it".

Answering Conservative Lord Woolton's criticism of the Government food policy, Mr. Attlee refuted the suggestion that they could get cheaper food if they went back to competitive buying. "It showed a complete failure to grasp the essential conditions of the modern world", he said. When there was food shortage, putting in a mass of competitive ouyers did not reduce prices. it only increased them. Mr Attlee told the electors firmly "I am not going to promise a bit more petrol here or a bit more tobacco there. We shall carry on trying to do the best for everybody—with first things first"

Keep Calm: Forward Bloc's Appeal

CALCUTTA, Feb. 14 (UPI): Mr. Sheelabhadra Yajee, Deputy Chairman, and Mr. Satya Priya Banerjee Secretary All India Forward Bloc have issued an appeal to works, peasants and the middle class people in both East and West Bengal and in all the states of India that they should remain calm and peaceful " in spite of provocation by communal mischief mongers and goonda elements who serve their own self interests by disturbances."

"Our great Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose had established Hindu-Muslim unity in the Azad Hind Fauz and the Azad Hind Government and we shall also do the same both in Indian Union and Pakistan at the cost of our lives."

ARSON AND LOOT NEAR GAUHATI

One Person Severely Injured

GAUHATI, Feb. 14 (PTI): An armed crowd burnt down a post office and destroyed records at the local Sub-Deputy Collector's office in village Tihu, about 50 miles from Gauhati on Sunday last, according to preliminary reports received here today.

The crowd later raided a local mill and looted cash, severely injuring one person with revolver shots, the reports added.

The Inspection Bungalow at the village and the house of the local Congress secretary was also set on fire.

The Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup has proceeded to Tihu for an on-the-spot investigation.

HOPE FOR INDIANS IN SOUTH AFRICA?

Preliminary Agreement On R. T. C. Agenda

DURBAN, Feb. 13. (PTI-Reuter): Twenty thousand Indians welcomed Pandit Kunzru and other members of the Indian delegation which has been attending the tripartite talks in Capetown to pave the way for a round table conference on the treatment of Indians in South Africa when they arrived at Durban, main centre of the Union's Indian population today.

Pandit Kunzru disclosed that the recommendations of the Indian, Pakistani and South African delegations to be published on Thursday should result in a conference. The agenda for the conference had been agreed on. He warned Indians that the emancipation and welfare of 8,000,000 Africans in South Africa must also be the concern of Indians.

Pandit Kunzru said Indians in the union were a small community. Their great strength lay in being united.

India for 40 years has striven for full citizenship rights for her children in this country. Free India will now pursue this object with even greater zeal, he said.

He pointed out that the recent tripartite talks were the result of a resolution in the United Nations 1949 session and the talks should result in a round table conference at which vital questions concerning Indians in South African would be discussed.

Pandit Kunzru added, "In the next few days—on February16—recommendations made by the three delegations will be announced. You will have to be patient for a few days. These recommendations should result in a round table conference at which vital questions concerning Indians in South Africa will be discussed.

"Indians here must help the less privileged and must work for the welfare of the country. A few must not seek privileges at the expense of the community".

Later Pandit Kunzru told a meeting at the city hall here that the round table conference would be held if certain recommendations now before the three governments are accepted.

CHIANG RUSHED TO JAP EXPERTS

Tokyo Disclosure

TOKYO, Feb. 13 (PTI-Reuter): General Chiang Kai-Shek, the Chinese Nationalist Leader, called former Japanese Army Staff planners to his inland fortress of Chunking last year in a final bid to halt the Communist drive through China, according to the Japanese press here.

The reports attributed to Japanese Lt. Col. Yoshikawa, who has since returned to Japan, also said that last June the Nationalists smuggled a former Japanese commander Lt. General Hiroshi, by fishing boat to Formosa, afterwards taking him to Chungking by air.

Lt. Col. Yoshikawa added that about 16 Japanese still on Formosa, where the Nationalists are making a last stand, were reported to include Major General Tomita, a former expert in strategic warfare on the Japanese Imperial Headquarters Staff.

UDAIPUR, Feb. 14, (P.T.I.): The Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Mr. Hiralal Shastri, addressing a public meeting here yesterday, called upon the people to shed all narrow notions of local patriotism and pull themselves together in building a healthier and stronger Rajasthan.

No Quarter To Mischief-Mongers

BIHAR GOVERNMENT DETERMINED

PATNA, Feb. 13. (PTI): The Chief Minister of Bihar, Mr. Sri Krishna Sinha, in an appeal to the people of Bihar not to disturb the communal peace of the State said that to realise the ideals enshrined in the constitution communal harmony was indispensable.

Mr. Sinha said that Government were "determined to put down firmly any threats to law and order" and have already cautioned the district magistrates and other local authorities "to deal sternly with anyone bent upon mischief".

"Newspaper reports regarding communal disturbances in East Bengal and West Bengal must be agitating many minds. Every right-thinking man will condemn these outrages. It is also our bounden duty to ensure that sympathy for the unfortunate sufferers or anxiety over their present plight do not degenerate into communal passions" Mr. Sinha said.

Mr. Sinha said: "In Bihar the relationship between the communities has been cordial indeed. Everyone of us may well take pride in the fact that since last year the communal situation has probably been the happiest in recent years".

COMMUNAL TROUBLE IN EAST BENGAL

Pandit Nehru To Make A Statement

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14, (UPI): Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru is likely to make a comprehensive statement in Parliament this week on the recent communal disturbances in Eastern Pakistan.

The action Government has taken so far and proposes to take in future is expected to be indicated in the statement.

Meanwhile, MP.'s are expressing great concern over the situation in Eastern Pakistan and its repercussions in West Bengal.

TENANTS CONFERENCE IN AHMEDABAD

Rent Increase Opposed

(From Our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 14.

The Tenants Conference was inaugurated yesterday, when Mr. Trikamlal Patel presided. He stated that one lakh of buildings were required to rehabilitate the five lakhs of tenants. He urged that steps should be taken in that direction. The Conference also passed a number of resolutions requesting the Government to grant relief to tenants from certain legal proceedings and the requisition order.

The conference also urged that the Rent Act should be applied to cities like Talod, Sanand, Idar, Dhansura Bargdi and Koth. It protested against the increase in rent allowed in Baroda

Octroi Duty Revised In Ahmedabad

(From Our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 14.

The Ahmedabad Municipality yesterday decided to revise the Octroi Duty on certain things. It has decided to abolish the Octroi Duty on potatoes. Refund will be given on exported goods. It is also decided to take Octroi Duty on Petrol.

Refugees Pouring Into Ahmedabad

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 14.

More than 900 refugees have come from Deolali Camp and they have been kept in the Ranip Camp. More Refugees are coming.

Externed From Ahmedabad

(From Our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 14

Eight persons arrested on January 26 for an alleged plot to frustrate the celebrations on Republic Day and two other Communists arrested earlier were externed yesterday under the Public Security Measures Act.

BUILDING UP ARAB ECONOMIC UNITY

Syria Negotiating Trade Agreements

DAMASCUS, Feb. 13 (PTI-Reuter). Khaled Bey El Azem, Syrian Prime Minister, disclosed tonight that his country was negotiating a trade agreement with Egypt similar to that recently concluded with Saudi Arabia.

Syria will soon approach Iraq with a view to signing a pact of this kind between the two countries, and agreements with other member states of the Arab League have been drafted, the Premier said in an interview.

The pacts are designed to build Arab economic unity on a sound basis, and as a practical step towards truce and firm co-operation, he explained. The Syrian Government sincerely desired economic unity within the Charter of the Arab League. This first step, he said could be followed by political, cultural, and military unity. "I believe in strengthening Arab brotherly ties to safeguard the Arab League with materials to face Israeli threat and the unsettled international situation" Khaled Bey said.

Trade agreements, said a collective security pact would remove all obstacles in the way of Arab unity, the Syrian Premier said. Therefore I believe the Arab must work as one team to realise this end', he added. He said a state company had been formed with a capital of 24 million Syrian lire to build the port of Ladqiah, which will serve Syria's import and export trade and replace Beirut. The new port could offer Iraq a free access to the Mediterranean.

Premier Azem said the seven irrigation schemes now in hand would cost during the present financial year an estimated seven million Syrian lire, and might cost double this amount by the time they were completed.

Geological Survey Of India

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14, (PTI). The geological survey of India have completed 63 reports relating to investigations during the third quarter of 1949, on gypsum, pyrites, barytes, ceramic raw materials, copper etc.

This information is contained in the quarterly progress report of the department just published.

The Mineral Information Bureau of G.S.I. attended to nearly 800 enquiries from India and abroad during the period and carried out more than 500 analyses according to the report.

Race Riot In Johannesburg

TROUBLE FOLLOWS SEARCH OF PASSES

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 14 PTI-Reuter): Using lamp posts as clubs, scores Africans beat them with iron bars and gave the signal for the stoning of cars driven by white men during a racial riot here tonight. Trouble began in the African township of Newclare, on the outskirts of Johannesburg, when police in two flying squad cars were checking African's passes and tried to arrest one man. Suddenly hundreds of residents in the township rose in revolt. Police were rushed there and in a battle that followed shots were fired and baton charges were made. White civilians armed with rifles and revolvers also fired on Africans, a small group of whom advanced to the railway station and stoned a train

RED DANGER TO INDO-CHINA

London 'Times' Warns

LONDON, Feb. 14. (PTI-Reuter). Indo-China is seen as "a keypoint in the struggle for control of the Far East" in the first of a series of articles by a Special correspondent on Indo-China in the Times today.

"If Indo-China falls under Communist control, Siam and Burma, and later Malaya and Indonesia, will be subjected to the full pressure of military expansionist Communism bred on China", the writer says.

After referring to the "extreme bitterness" of hostilities in Indo-China and hopes that the Bao Dai government may succeed in detaching the purely Nationalist from the Communist elements in the Viet Minh movement, the article says

NOT FINAL

"Only if the people feel that he is bringing the reality of independence and not its shadow can Bao Dai hope to succeed. This truth is realised by the more enlightened French in Indo-China, who regard the accords, not as a final settlement but as a starting point.

"Some of the abler Viet Namese who have thrown in their lot with Bao Dai accepted the accords not because they liked them or regarded them as final but because they hoped they would serve as a means towards ending a conflict which has brought untold distress and suffering to the people.

"Time, however, is running dangerously short. One of the chief factors in Indo-China from the start has been the instability of French Government at home and the frequent absence of any clear cut French policy

Indonesian Envoy Presents Credentials

NEW DELHI, Feb. 13 (PTI) D. Soedarsono, the Ambassador of the United States of Indonesia in New Delhi, presented his credentials to the President at a formal ceremony today in Government House

The Ambassador-Designate who was received by the Military Secretary to the President at midday inspected a guard of honour

Mr. K. P. S. Menon Foreign Secretary, presented Dr Soedarsono to the President. The President and the Indonesian Ambassador were closeted for a while before joining the other guests at lunch.

LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT IN INDIA

F A O Conference At Lucknow

LUCKNOW, Feb. 14, (PTI). DELEGATES from twelve foreign countries to the F.A.O. Conference on livestock breeding under tropical and sub-tropical conditions heard today the Agricultural Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Mr. Nisar Ahmed Sherwani on the problem of livestock improvement in India.

The Conference appointed two joint conveners for each of the three technical committees to prepare reports and place them before the plenary session on February 22.

A telegram from India's Food and Agriculture Minister, Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram, was read at today's session. It said: "The place of livestock in rural economy of tropical and sub-tropical countries is much more important than elsewhere and speedy solution of livestock problem is for them a matter of vital necessity". He hoped that the Conference would result in concrete practical decisions which would solve livestock problems of these countries.

BREEDING METHODS

Mr. Nisar Ahmed Sherwani addressing the Conference said that the story of improvement of livestock by breeding processes disclosed that a benign association must be maintained between the character and requirements of animals and their environmental conditions. Breeding of improved animals depended both on knowledge gained by research workers as well as experience gained by practical breeders, and he believed that empiricism had played a much important part in stock improvement than pure research

The two chief methods of improvement in India, the Minister said, had been the provision of pedigree and improved bulls and the castration of inferior males. The issue of pedigree bulls, although it had no doubt resulted in a certain amount of improvement of livestock, had not in fact brought about the maximum results mainly for the reason that owing to the prevailing scarcity of fodder, the bulls had not been properly looked after.

The Minister asked the experts to express their views on the question whether breeding policy should be confined to pure breeding or should the policy be to promote crossing with sires imported from foreign countries; and whether the policy should steer a middle path between pure breeding and crossing by crossing sires and dames of different indigenous breeds

NATIONAL APPROACH

Ralph W Phillips, (Secretary General), addressing the Conference favoured "national approach" to the problem of livestock breeding

He said that the organisation of livestock improvement presented difficult problems, particularly, in under developed areas. In such areas improvement in breeding activities must be carried out on Government-owned or sponsored farms.

Dr. Phillips said that effective yard sticks of production which could be used in breeding research and which could be adapted for use in the practical measuring of performances in large scale breeding operations had been evolved during the last ten to fifteen years.

These included development of quick and accurate methods of measuring length diameter and variability of wool fibres, tests designed to measure the performing capacity of light and heavy draft horses.

Dr Phillips referred to the problem of improvement in livestock through import of stock from other regions and said that plans to bring it about should be made with full recognition of the value of adaptability which was probably present in native types of which might have been demonstrated by imported stock.

1,864 Candidates To Contest British Elections

RECORD NUMBER OF WOMEN TOO

LONDON, Feb. 13. (PTI-Reuter): Britain's General Election in ten days time will see more candidates—including more women—than ever before fighting for seats in a smaller Parliament.

When the nominations ended tonight 1,864 candidates has put up their names for 625 seats. There were 640 seats in the last House of Commons and 1,677 candidates at the polls.

The Labour Party put forward 619 candidates, while Conservatives and their Allies totalled 617. Final count gave the Orthodox Liberals 472 candidates and the Communists an even 100

The number of women candidates—123, easily topped the previous record.

While the nominations streamed in, Northern Ireland returned unopposed the first two members of Britain's new Parliament—both Ulster Unionists.

With the exception of Mr. A. V. Alexander (Defence) who has been made a peer, and Mr. Lews Bilkin (Town and Country planning), who has not been adopted, all the Ministers who sat in the old House of Commons have been nominated.

Contrary to custom Colonel Clifton Brown, Speaker (Chairman) of the House of Commons has not been returned unopposed Neither Labour nor Orthodox Liberals are contesting his (Northumberland) Constituency but a 52 year-old farmer. Alexander Hancock, won in 1945 tried conclusions with Mr Winston Churchill at Woodford (Essex), is standing as an independent Liberal against him.

EDUCATION SHOULD SUIT FREE INDIA

Mr. Kher's Advice To Teachers

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

THE educational system of India should be such as would meet the requirements of the people and develop their national character, said Mr. B. G. Kher, Chief Minister of Bombay, at a reception accorded to him by the teachers of the educational institutions of Jalgaon, on Sunday last.

Mr. Kher said that the copying of the educational systems prevailing in foreign countries would not only be unfruitful but positively harmful to India. Education under the British rule had no other objective than to produce an army of clerks and obedient servants. That state of affair could not continue any longer, he added.

The Chief Minister said that India needed craftsmen, mechanics, scientists, statisticians and such other technical personnel and a system of education should be built up from its very foundation to achieve this end. Gandhiji had envisaged this and had evolved a system which could fulfil the requirements of the country, Mr. Kher said, and added that, the educational system adopted by the Government of Bombay was in conformity with his ideals.

Later, Mr. Kher paid a visit to the local Women's Training College and the Vallabhdas Veljee Library. In the afternoon, he held discussions with the local Congress workers.

PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION

Opening the co-operative society of the local Balak Mandir, Mr. Kher commended the work that was being done by the institution in imparting education to small children on Montessori lines. He said that pre-primary education was the very foundation of all education and it was at that stage that education shaped the character of the future man. He observed that women were best suited to teach children at that stage.

The Chief Minister exhorted the people to shoulder the responsibility of pre-primary education, since the Government had already been burdened with the responsibility of imparting primary and higher education.

Mr. Kher also addressed a public meeting in the Subhash Chowk. He paid compliments to the people of the East Khandesh District for their unflinching devotion to the Congress.

KHER ON BASIC EDUCATION

State Policy Explained

NASIK, Feb. 14.

The principle underlying Basic Education was explained by the Chief Minister of Bombay, Mr. B. G. Kher, presiding over the silver jubilee function of the Pethe School of the Nasik Educational Society, here yesterday. He said that the whole system of education should be so re-organised as to make it possible for all young men to get education according to their aptitude.

Education, he said, was the birth right of every man and woman and hence it could not be limited to certain classes as had been the case hitherto. Unless the educational standard of the people in general was raised, he added, democracy in the real sense of the term could not come into being.

Mr. Kher made plea for imparting education through mother tongue without which, he said, it could not be expected to reach the remotest corner of the country.

Government House News

BOMBAY, Feb. 14.

The Governor of Bombay received Mr. V. A. Sundaram and Professor H. L. Haldanker.

The Hon'ble Mr. K. S. Firodia and the Hon'ble Mr. R. G. Soman were sworn in by His Excellency in the presence of the Hon'ble Ministers.

Rani Maharaj Singh received Mrs. Burns-Lawson and Miss Anchees.

His Excellency and Rani Maharaj Singh attended a tea party given by the Society of Honorary Presidency Magistrates of Bombay where they were received by the President, Mr. Ratilal M. Gandhi and the Vice-President, Mrs. Queenie Captain.

ACQUITS POST MASTER

BOMBAY, Tuesday: Samson Raymond Samson, a former Post Master at Ripon Road, Bombay, who was convicted and sentenced by a Presidency Magistrate, on a charge of accepting illegal gratification, was ordered to be acquitted by the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Jajendragadkar at the Bombay High Court today.

Sayud Yakub Shaik Ainuddin, a packer in the same post office, who was the second accused in the case and who was charged with abetment in the commission of the offence, was also acquitted by their Lordships, even though he did not appeal against his conviction.

MR. R. G. GYANI

BOMBAY, Tuesday (UPI): Mr. R. G. Gyani, Curator, Archaeological Section, Prince of Wales Museum, Bombay, has been appointed by the Government of Bombay as a member of the Board of Historical Records and Ancient Monuments to represent the Gujarat Research Society.

A city paper merchant's firm at Sutar Chawl was burgled on the night of Sunday last and materials worth Rs. 1,500 were stolen by a gang of robbers, according the Princess Street Police. Duplicate key is said to have been used to break open the shop. No arrests have been made so far.

ABOLISH STATE TRADING

Way To Prosperity, Says Mr. K.C. Bhatia

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

State trading and prohibition came in for severe criticism from Mr. Kalianji C. Bhatia, President of the All India Importers Association, at a meeting of the body held this evening.

Mr. Bhatia said that the sooner the Government gave up the idea of State Trading the sooner would prosperity return to the country. As examples of what State trading would lead to, the speaker cited the taking over of the BEST by the Municipality resulting in losses to the company, whereas in the past it was a going concern. There was also the taking over of the Telephone Company, which since it passed into Government hands deteriorated in service. Moreover new connections were being put up only on payment of a premium.

The speaker welcomed the investment of foreign capital in India as long as the regulations laid down for its participation in the development of India were scrupulously adhered to. It was in the interest of consumers, he said, that foreign capital should be invested in India as this would tend to raise the standard and workmanship of Indian products.

With regard to prohibition, Mr. Bhatia said that the Bombay Government should bear in mind the fact that the dry policy failed in America, the wealthiest country in the world, and it was certain to fail in India. The consequences of prohibition would be bootlegging, illicit distillation and the springing up of speakeasies.

But since Government were determined to go ahead with its dry policy argument would be of no avail. However, the speaker requested Government to withdraw the clause granting licenses for possession of six ounces of liquor at Rs. 6 per application. This meant that even the sick who needed alcohol would be taxed. This was an imposition of the worst kind, he concluded.

GOVERNMENT APPEAL DISMISSED

Declaration Of Sugar Stocks

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice & Mr. Justice Gajendragadkar).

The Government of Bombay —— Appellant.

Vs.

Kudilal Govindram Seksaria —— Respondent (Accused).

Agreeing with the judgment of the trial Magistrate, their Lordships confirmed the order of acquittal passed by him on 9th November 1949 and dismissed the Government's appeal from that order.

The accused had been charged with the offence of having failed to declare on Monday 31st October 1949 a stock of 228 lbs. of sugar alleged to have been held by him on the preceding Saturday viz. 29th October 1949, as required by certain Government Notifications.

On 4th November 1949, the police raided flats Nos 11, 12 and 13, on the fifth floor of Seksaria Building at Marine Drive and recovered from flat No. 13 228 lbs. of sugar in respect of which no declaration had been made by anybody.

The accused in his defence had alleged that flat No. 13 was not in his occupation but was in the occupation of an uncle of his, and that in any event, it had been proved that the stock of sugar in question had been held on the Saturday preceding 4th November when the flat was raided.

Accepting both these contentions, Mr. J. M. Barot, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon, who had tried the case in the first instance had acquitted the accused. From that order of acquittal the Government had appealed to the High Court.

The Assistant Government pleader appeared for the Government.

Mr. K. M. Munshi and Mr. E. B. Ghaswalla instructed by Messrs. Ardeshir Hormusji Dinshaw and Co. appeared for the respondent.

CITY CORPORATION ADJOURNS

Respect To Memory Of Former Mayor

BOMBAY, Tuesday: The Bombay Municipal Corporation adjourned today, without transacting any business, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Dr. M. C. Javle, a former Mayor, who died at his city residence today at the age of 70.

A condolence passed on the occasion recalled the various services rendered by the late Dr. Javle in his capacity as a city father and a public servant. He was a member of the Corporation for 29 years, and a member of the Schools Committee for 19 years. He was also the Chairman of the Municipal Standing Committee, the Improvements Committee and the Medical Relief Committee and was elected Mayor for 1933-34.

Paying his tributes to the late Dr. Javle, the Mayor Mr. S. K. Patil said that the late corporator had made civic service the mission of his life. In his death the city had lost a great public worker.

Mr. M. V. Donde said that the late Dr. Javle had done a lot for the improvement of the conditions, particularly sanitary conditions, of the municipal schools of the city.

Mr. Naushir Bharucha, Dr. J. A. Colaco and Mr. V. N. Velinkar also joined in the tributes. The resolution as moved by Mr. Ganpatishankar Desai was passed unanimously, all standing.

NO REIGN OF TERROR IN AHMEDABAD

Morarji Refutes Press Report

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Referring to an alarmist report which appeared in an English paper this morning and in some vernacular papers about a week ago, that there was a reign of Communist terror in the Ahmednagar District and that Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, was flying there to make spot inquiries, the Home Minister stated to pressmen today that "there is nothing extraordinary in the Ahmednagar situation."

He was not flying to Ahmednagar for instituting inquiries into the "terror," but because he had agreed to open an agricultural exhibition and a maternity home. He was flying because, he had to return to Bombay for a Cabinet meeting on Thursday.

Asked if he was going to tour Satara District, the Minister said, "Why should I go to Satara?" The situation in both places was under "control".

The Home Minister said that the reports circulated were untrue and exaggerated. It was true that in three villages of the Akola District the Communists were giving trouble, but it was not of the magnitude made out.

Unemployment On The Increase In Bombay

BOMBAY, Tuesday. The modifying tempto of retrenchment in Government establishments and of curtailment in industrial and business enterprise had brought the figures of the unemployed to 6.875 in Bombay city alone.

Air India Will Touch Rome Too

BOMBAY, Tuesday: Rome will be additional intermediate station for Air India International's Constellation on Bombay-London-Bombay air service with effect from March 12.

The Constellation at present halts at Cairo and Geneva on this route.

Wilson Philological Lectures

Prof. V. K. Ayappan Pillai, Professor of English, Presidency College, Madras, will deliver the Wilson Philological Lectures in the Lecture theatre (1st floor), University School of Economics and Sociology, Fort, Bombay, from Monday February 20, to Saturday, February 25 commencing at 6 p.m. on each day.

The general title of the Series of lectures is "The Heritage of English".

The subjects of the individual lectures are as under:—Lecture I—Accentuation in English, Lecture II—Sounds and Spelling I, Lecture III Sounds and Spelling II, Lecture IV—English Grammar—a historical conspectus, Lecture V—Vocabulary and Somantics, Lecture VI—Syntax.

Mr. K. M. Khadye, President of the Board of Studies in English, will preside over the inaugural lecture and Prof. R. Choksi, Professor of English Wilson College, will preside over the concluding lectures.

The lectures are open to the public.

TEXTILES EARN DOLLARS FOR INDIA

Phenomenal Rise In Exports

BOMBAY, Wednesday

TEXTILES have become dollar earners for India and increasing efforts are, it is learnt, being made by the Government of India to launch a vigorous export drive of textiles to hard currency areas to bring more dollars to India, writes the UPI City Correspondent.

Licences for 4,44,000 yards of mill-made cloth, valued at approximately 1,00,000 dollars, have already been issued by the Deputy Chief Controller of Exports and Imports, Bombay, for exports to Canada against orders which are understood to have been placed by Canadian firms.

According to official statistics, textile exports in the first five months following devaluation registered a phenomenal rise. In 1948, India exported 180 million yards of mill-made cloth. In the first eight months of 1949, she exported 110 million yards, while in the post-devaluation period, these exports rose to 284 million yards an increase of about 150 per cent in five months over the figures for the first eight months of 1949.

There seems to be, therefore, a fair possibility of the target of 800 million yards being reached during the current year.

The increase in exports, however was not confined only to textiles, but also to cotton yarn and twist, which rose from something under four million lbs. in the first eight months of 1949 to nearly 18 million lbs. in the first three post-devaluation months—an increase of about 450 per cent.

Two causes have been assigned for this phenomenal rise in exports: (1) the beneficial effects of devaluation, which have made Indian textiles and yarn comparatively cheaper and (2) the liberalisation of export control with regard to textiles.

NO "ONE NIGHT" OPERATION

Plans For 1951 Census

BOMBAY, Feb. 14 (UPI)—The forthcoming conference of census superintendents of all the States of the Indian Union scheduled to be held in Delhi from February 23 under the chairmanship of Mr. R. A. Gopalaswami, Census Commissioner, Government of India, will among other things, settle finally the enumeration procedure and discuss the methods that should be used and the organisation that would be required for the 1951 census.

Mr. J. B. Bowman, Superintendent of Census Operations for Bombay, Saurashtra and Cutch, who would represent Bombay at the forthcoming Conference, told the UPI today that the ensuing census would not be the "one night" job it was before 1931, when a large number of enumerators used to be appointed, resulting in a fall in the quality of work. The new census operations, he added, would be held from February 19 to March 10, 1951, and during this period it would be easier to check up effectively on the entire population and other relevant data collected for the purpose.

He further said that the UNO's classification system was likely to be adopted in the case of non-agricultural population.

Cement Workers' Conference

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Associated Cement Staff Association has called a Conference of the workers in the Cement Industry all over India on March 4 and 5. The open Conference will be held on Saturday, March 4, at 5 p.m., in Peoples' Hall Congress House, under the presidentship of Shri Abidali Jafferbhoy President of the Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress. Shri Shantilal Shah, Solicitor, will also address the Conference.

On Sunday, March 5, there will be a Committee meeting to draft out the Constitution and work out the programme for the Federation and to elect the Managing Committee, etc.

The representatives of 30,000 workers of the Cement Industry all over India will participate in this Conference. This will be a new Conference in the history of the Cement Industry.

Kumbha Mela

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Pilgrims proceeding to Vrindaban and Hardwar to attend the Kumbha Mela are advised to get themselves inoculated against cholera before starting on their pilgrimage. Arrangements for inoculation and issuing the necessary certificates, exist at the District Health Offices and Government dispensaries in the State.

Police Seize Still

A large working still manufacturing illicit liquor, was seized at Kalina Creek, Koliwada, in a surprise raid carried out by the Northern Section of the Bombay Prohibition Police over the week-end. Two persons, who were found operating the still were put under arrest.

Forty-eight gallons of wash and several gallons of illicit liquor, collectively valued at Rs. 1,200 were seized by the police.

The arrested persons are Jamaluddin Hayat and Kerespin Francis.

300 TEXTILE MEN RE-EMPLOYED

Decasualisation Scheme

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

More than 300 unemployed workers who had registered their names under the Decasualisation Scheme have so far been given employment in the cotton textile mills in Bombay.

The work of registration of unemployed workers, which is at present being done at the Labour Welfare Centre, Delisle Road, will be continued in the office of the Employment Exchange, Albert Building, Flora Fountain, Bombay, from Thursday, February 16. All the unemployed workers who have worked for a period of six months in any of the cotton textile mills in Bombay and who were retrenched in the years 1947, 1948 and 1949 are eligible for registration. The number of workers, so far, registered is 2,533.

All the workers, who have already registered their names are requested to call in at the Sectional office at Delisle Road (B.D.D. Chawl No. 8, Room No. 1) every day between 6-30 and 9-30 a.m. and between 2-30 and 5-30 p.m. so that arrangements will be made to send them to the various mills for work, according to the demands received every day.

Cotton Marketing Body

HYDERABAD, Feb. 14 (PTI): The Cotton Marketing Committee appointed by the Government of India under the chairmanship of Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh, M. P., arrived in Hyderabad this morning. They met officials of the State's Agriculture, Co-operative and Marketing Departments and a few merchants and mill-owners at a conference this afternoon.

The Committee is due to meet Hyderabad's Minister for Public Works, Nawab Zain Yar Jung, on the morning of February 15, before leaving for Aurangabad.

Course In Principles Of Poliomyelitis Treatment

The World Health Organisation poliomyelitis team, which is in Bombay, is arranging for a brief course of training in the principles of treatment of poliomyelitis as favoured by the John Hopkins Medical Centre in the U.S.A. The course which will be open to doctors, medical students, nurses and physiotherapists, will be held at the B. J. Wadia Hospital for Children, Parel, from February 15 to 28.

37th Ayurvedic Sammelan

Vaidya Jadavji Tricumji Acharya, an Ayurvedic practitioner of Bombay, and a member of the Indian Medicine Research Committee, has been unanimously elected to preside over the 37th Session of the All-India Ayurvedic Congress which meets at Delhi on February 19, 20, 21. Vaidya Jadavji Acharya had the distinction of being appointed the only Vaidya member on the Chopra Committee, whose report is under the consideration of the Government of India at present.

LOAN TO SHOLAPUR MILLS

Government Grants 13 Lakhs

SHOLAPUR, Feb. 14 (PTI): A loan of Rs. 13,00,000 has been advanced by the Government of Bombay to the Directors of the Sholapur Spinning and Weaving Company Ltd., Sholapur, to enable them to get coal, cotton and other stores to restart the working of the mills as early as possible.

Sir V. N. Chandavarkar, President of the Board of Directors, and Mr. S. H. Gidwani, the Controller, who were here last week, are reported to have decided to re-open the "O" mill section of the factory early in March.

The Sholapur Spinning and Weaving Mills, one of the major textile mills in the country, which closed down in August last year, was taken over by the Government of Bombay early last month.

Standing Finance Body

A meeting of the Standing Finance Committee will be held from 5-15 to 6-30 p.m. on Friday, February 17, in Committee Room No. 63, Parliament House, the Hon'ble Dr. John Matthai will preside, says a New Delhi message.

SOCIALISTS PREPARED FOR SELF-IMMOLATION

Asoka Mehta Reiterates Offer

GWALIOR, Feb. 14. (UPI).

"OUR consistent effort is to bring within the organisation all the Socialist-minded elements in the country. In that connection, we have even offered to dissolve our party and embrace a wider unity", said Mr. Asoka Mehta, Socialist leader and General Secretary of the Hind Mazdoor Sabha, in an interview to the United Press of India here today.

'Our efforts for Socialist unity," he added, "will continue. Unfortunately at the time of the coming general elections, there is more than one Socialist Party in the country as a whole or in some of the States. We shall make every effort at electoral agreements. Our electoral agreements will, however, be confined to those parties, with which we share a common outlook, and generally speaking, a common programme. Obviously, our electoral policy cannot and will not be antipathy to the Congress. It has got to have a positive content."

NO PACT WITH REDS

Mr Mehta ruled out emphatically the possibility of an electoral agreement with Communist Party of India "with which we have nothing in common."

Mr. Ashoka Mehta expressed great concern at the situation in East Bengal and said that the Government of India would have to show strength, which would prevent outside agression and give security to the minority community in Eastern Pakistan. Internally the Government of India would have the responsibility of looking after the refugees and prevent any form of retaliation of one community against another.

Explaining the Socialist approach to inter-Dominion peace, he said that vast schemes of economic reconstruction and social reorganisation would inevitably make an impact upon other country and make it difficulty for the other country to mislead public opinion into communal and aggressive channels. Secondly, every effort should be made on Governmental level to develop, if not an Asian point of view, at least a point of view that would embrace India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon. Such a grouping of countries would not only be economically beneficial, but help to foster a third party point of view.

Asked whether the Socialist Party would press on the Government of India to recognise the regime of Dr. Ho Chin Minh in Indo-China, Mr. Ashoka Mehta observed that there was a fundamental difference between the Communist Government of China, and Dr. Ho's Government in Viet-Nam. In China, the issue was already decided. One could have sympathy with one or the other party in a civil war, but recognition should follow only when the people have decided by their overwhelming support between the two contestants. He thought that it would be wrong for India to make recognition a weapon in the armoury of civil war in Indo-China.

The Socialist leader also expressed opposition to the idea of a Pacific Pact and said that such a pact was likely to be made up of "imperialist powers" still having footholds in Asia and so it would not be worth the paper on which it would be written, particularly because such a pact would seek to tie Asian countries to the policies of the United States of America."

Alleged Cheats Arrested

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Three persons, who are alleged to have floated a bogus company of commission agents in the city and cheated up-country customers of large sums of money, were arrested on Monday by the General Branch C.I.D.

The police stated that the accused, K. H. Dastoor, S. B. Vaidya and Y. M. Wagal, jointly started a firm of commission agents under the style of "Indian Services", which was housed in a flat belonging to the first accused at Ghoga Street, Bombay. Their modus operandi is said to be to canvass large orders for the supply of various types of machinery from mofussil customers.

To trap the victims easily, they were quoting very competitive prices, much lower than the prevailing market rates. Against the orders placed by the customers, they used to collect large amounts by way of advances.

Once they received the advance amounts, the accused write back expressing their inability to supply the machinery on account of import restrictions. It is further alleged that they used to send post-dated cheques which were usually returned dishonoured.

On a specific complaint from a person, who was stated to have been duped Rs. 3,000, the General Branch C.I.D. raided the premises of the alleged bogus company and effected the arrest of the accused. At the time of the raid, the police stated that three other victims, who were similarly cheated Rs. 7,000, were demanding moneys from the accused.

The first accused was released on bail in a sum of Rs. 10,000 while the other two were granted bail in a sum of Rs. 5,000 each by Mr. Oscar Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court today.

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RESTRICTED BUSINESS IN ACTIVE SHARES

Price Movement Within Narrow Range

BOMBAY, Feb. 14.

The Share Bazar was steady today with slightly improved demand for Mill Shares. Steel Shares were quiet during the early part of the session but later steadied on short covering Bombay Burmas which recently attracted improved demand were quiet. The market was uninteresting awaiting Budget proposals: Under normal condition, the market ought to have reacted sufficiently to attract replacement buying but there being restricted price movement there is considerable contraction in turnover.

Tata Steel Defd. Shares opened at Rs. 1650/- and declined at Rs. 1640/- under scattered liquidation but rallied at Rs. 1660/- on short covering. Thereafter there was no support and Defds steadied at Rs. 1652/8/-. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 328/- and after declining at Rs. 327/- steadied at Rs. 328/-.

There was slightly improved demand for cotton mill shares but there was nothing like any enthusiasm. Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1090/- and improved at Rs. 1100/- Kohinoor Mill Shares were done at Rs. 305/- Swadeshi Mill Shares opened at Rs. 269/- and improved at Rs. 273 while Scindia were done at Rs. 13/8.

Thereafter there was mixed business which produced minor changes. Tata Steel Defds will done at Rs. 1650 and Bombay Dyeings were quoted at Rs. 1095.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES

Bombay Dyeing (10-8)	1100 0
Kohinoor Mills (4-2)	306 8
Svadeshi Mills (12-4)	272 0
Central India Mills (6)	246 0
Simplex Mills (9-8)	194 8
New Great Eastern (9)	158 8
Indore	113 12
Gokak Mills (12)	274 0
Century Spinning (15)	235 0
Swan Mills (30)	315 0
Indian Bleaching (6)	148 0
Finlay Mills (15)	271 0
Morarji Goculdas (S)	145 0
Edward Sassoon (30)	225 0
Meyer (12)	103 12
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2 14
India United Ord. (0-12-0)	12 3
India United Defd. (0-12-0)	1 15
Madhusudan (15)	180 0
Podar (S)	135 0
Khatau Makanji (5)	180 0
Swadeshi Coupon	68 0

STEEL SHARES

Tata Steel Ord. (14)	327 8
Tata Steel Defd. (64-12)	1650 0
Tata Steel 2nd Pref.	187 0

CEMENT

Associated Cement (7) XD	147 8

INDUSTRIES

Burma (12-8) XD	363 12
Belapur Sugar (9)	223 8
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	31 8
Scindia Steam (0-8)	13 8
Premier Construction	94 0
Tata Chemical	11 6
Tata Old (2)	50 12
Indian Iron (1) XD	30 14
Bengal Steel (0-12)	22 1
Bengal India Corp. (9-9)	9 1
Indian Copper	2 6 3
Wimco	210 0
Alcock	281 4

ELECTRIC SHARES

Tata Power (25)	1542 8
Tata Hydro (3)	153 8
Andhra Valley (25)	1432 8

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS

Elphinstone Mills (5)	60 0
Phoenix (50)	152 8
Indian Mfg. (10)	2950 0
Kurla XD	118 12
Colaba (12)	115 0
New City (11)	185 0
Minerva (12)	135 0
Bradbury (12)	420 0
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	5 0
Bharat Mills (2)	32 8
Mysore (4)	171 4
Madhavji	14 6
Model Mills (12-8)	167 8
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	878 12
Vishnu Cotton (8)	216 4
Western India (40)	2925 0
Standard (15)	227 0
Sholapur (200)	3150 0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	16 0
Hindustan Mills (40)	4000 0
Tata Mills (2-4)	58 0
New Victoria 2 (Pref.)	6 0
Palton (9)	110 0
Gold Mohor	902 0
New Kaiser Hind	325 0
Ahmedabad Advance (1)	240 0
New Ahmedabad	198 0
Sassoon Silk (3) XD	33 0
New Union Mills (0-8)	15 10
Madhusudan S (2-5)	85 0
Shriniva Mills (S)	172 0
Raja Bahadur (4)	62 0
Berar Mills	250 0
Victoria Mills	225 0

ELECTRIC (CASH)

Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	128 12
Ahmedabad New	75 4
Surat Electric	131 4
Karachi Electric (2)	138 10
Broach (0-5)	6 12
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10 0
Amalgamated (0-2)	11 1
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	28 8
Poona Electricity Supply (S)	140 10
Bombay Suburban (3)	151 4
Bombay Suburban New	120 0

BANK SHARES

Imperial Bank of India XD	1740 0
Imperial Bank P (0-12) XD	435 0
Central Bank (1-8)	83 4
Central Bank New (1-8)	83 4
Bank of India (4)	178 0
Union (0-3)	7 8
Baroda (2-8)	121 12
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	37 8
United Commercial (1-8)	45 8
Jaipur Bank (1-8)	35 4
Hindustan Commercial	17 1
Mysore Bank (8)	305 0
Eastern Bank (0-14-8)	54 0

INSURANCE SHARES

Oriental (125)	4690 0
Empire (10)	671 4
New India (1-7)	57 4
Jupiter (0-12)	12 15
Vulcan (0-10)	13 0
Indian Mercantile (0-4)	11 4
B I G (1)	15 0
Industrial and Prudential	26 4
Neptune	7 0
New Great	25 0
All India General	12 12

RAILWAY SHARES

C.P. (1-14) XD	118 0

MISCELLANEOUS SHARES

Steamer (103)	242 8
Bombay Burma New (5) XD	121 4
Burma Petrol	1 4 6
Mackenzie (6)	90 0
Port Canning (3)	57 0
Kemp and Co. (20)	330 0
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	125 0
Industrial Invest Trust (5-12)	84 8
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	41 4
Mukund Iron	13 0
Dena Trust (0-12)	14 0
Alembic (15)	147 8
Supreme Industries	72 8
Bombay Uganda	87 8
Bombay Motor Cycle	18 0
Indian Cement (1937)	171 4
Walchand Nagar Industries (B. S.)	140 0
United Motor	28 0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	880 0
Hydary Construction	19 10
Mahamadi Steam	20 0
Sardar Carbonic XD	200 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Gujarat Motor	26 14
Estrella Batteries	30 4
Manmad Press	120 0
National Rayon	54 8

PREFERENCE SHARES

Tata Steel 1st (6)	196 14
Andhra Valley (7)	1232 8
Tata Power (7-8)	1340 0
Hydro Electric (7)	126 4
Bombay Steamer (6)	126 14
Central India (5)	653 12
Swedish Mills	130 0
Vishnu Mills (7)	270 0
New Great Mills (5-8)	220 4
Podar Mills (4)	95 0
Shrinicas Mills	98 0
Elphinstone Mills ((7)	100 4
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	916 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	130 0
Pre. Construction First	100 8
Pre. Construction 2nd Pref.	98 8
Amalgamated	115 0
Habib	72 9
Tata Chemical	122 8
Walchandnagar	130 0
Jupiter	13 4
Supreme	100 0
Meyer	102 8
Mackenzie (2)	80 0
Ahmedabad Advance	127 8
Mysore Mill	50 8
Standard	99 0
Madhusuran	12 0
Khatau	97 8
Morarji	94 8
National Rayon	73 8

DEBENTURES

Andhra 1952	103 8
Gula Kajamsingh	8 9
Rubber Planting	17 0
Bombay Steamer	97 0
Indian Hume Pip	101 0
Tata Power 1951	103 0
Walchandnagar	105 0

OUTSIDE SHARES

Burma Corporation	2 11
New Victoria	2 2
New Victoria Pref.	4 4
Fhalton	118 0
Gold Mohor	302 8
New Kaiser-i-Hind	325 0
Sajjan	155 0
Osmanshahi	250 0
Ajam Shahi	280 0
Air Services	4 12
Air India	65 0
Hind Motors	5 2
India Steam	7 6

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, Feb. 14.

The Bullion Market was quiet today under scattered inquidation. At the opening forward Silver was quoted at Rs. 187/12 and declined at Rs. 187/4 on scattered liquidation. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 187. Forward Gold opened at Rs. 117 and after improving at Rs. 117/8 declined at Rs. 116/12. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 116/8 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 75/8.

Later on there was increased liquidation and the market closed as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Silver	185	14	0
Forward	186	6	0
Ready Gold	116	3	0
Forward	116	12	0

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, Feb. 14.

The work of the settlement continues and members are sending in their balance sheets for clearing purpose. The raid on the cotton market was followed by suspension of trading and short sellers got no opportunity to cover up their sales and now they will have pay a penalty of Rs 7/8.

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Feb. 14.

The produce market was steady with moderate business passing. It is understood that a meeting between Shippers and the Commerce Department will be held in the city after a week to consider the present position Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS

Quality	Rs.	43	10 0
Bold		42	12 0
Coromandal		43	0 0
Oil Bombay Mills		23	12 0
Oil Upcountry Mills		23	0 0
Oil February		22	8 0

LINSEED

Bold		41	4 0
Small Seed		39	8 0
February-March		40	8 0
March-April		39	0 0
April-May		38	0 0
Oil		22	4 0

CASTORSEEDS

Ready		30	0 0
Madras February		30	10 0
Madras March		31	0 0

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, Feb. 14.

2 1/2 per cent 1954	98	14	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100	2	0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99	14	0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	96	11	0
2 1/2 per cent 1960	99	8	0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99	2	0
2 3/4 per cent 1973	95	12	0
3 Per cent Con.	97	1	0
3 per cent 1951-54	100	6	0
3 per cent 1952-55	101	11	0
3 per cent 1957	109	9	0
3 per cent 1959-61	101	3	0
3 per cent 1963-65	100	4	0
3 per cent 1966-68	100	3	0
3 per cent 1970-75	100	0	0
3 per cent 1970-75	100	0	0
2 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104	6	0
3 1/2 per cent 1960-70	110	2	0
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	101	6	0
4 1/2 per cent 1958-60	110	6	0
4 1/2 per cent 1953-66	112	12	0

PROVINCIAL LOANS

3 per cent Bombay 1962	99	4	0
2 3/4 per cent C P. 1961	97	1	0
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	97	1	0
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100	8	4
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100	4	0
3 per cent Punjab 1952	99	0	0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100	6	0
3 per cent C P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent U. P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent N.W.P 1952	98	2	0
3 per cent U P. 1961-68	99	12	0
3 1/4 per cent Municipal 1977	98	13	0
4 per cent B.P.T. long dated	109	12	0
4 per cent Bombay Muni.	109	8	0
5 p.c. Bombay Muni 1959	114	0	0
6 per cent Bom. Municipality 1954	113	8	0
6 per cent K. P. T 1956	113	12	0

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, Feb. 14.

Tata Ordinary 337-8, Tata Deferred 1650, Indian Iron 30-14, Steel Corpn. of Bengal 22-1, Bombay Dyeing 1100, Central India 246-4, Gokak 274-6, Kohinoor 306-4, Simplex 194-8, Swadeshi 272-8, Tata Power 1542-8, Associated Cement 147-8, Belapur 223-12, Bombay Burma (Old) 363-12, Scindia 13-8, Central Bank 83-4, New India 57-8, Tata 2nd Pref. 137.

SALES OF TREASURY BILLS

During the week ended the 10th February, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 2,00,00,000 were sold in favour of the Reserve Bank of India.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY. Feb. 14

MILLS

Apollo 2/14
B. Dyeing 1091/4 8/12 1102/8, 1097/8 1100.
C. India 244/8 47 46.
Elphinstone Ord. 60.
Finlay 271.
Gokak 274 73 75 74
I. U. Defd. 1/15.
I. U Ord. 12/3 12/2/6 12/3.
Indore 115 13/12 14/6 12/8 13/12
Kohinoor 304 3 7/12 6/8 7/8 6/8.
Madhusudan 180.
Meyer 101/4.
Minerva 135
Morarji 144 45
Mysore 170 71/4.
New Great 159 58/8.
Podar 135
Simplex 194 93/8 95 94/8.
Svadeshi 270/8 73/8 72.
Tata Mills 57/8 58
Vishnu 216/4.

SHIPPING

Scindia 13/9 13/6/6 13/9 13/8.

BANKS

Baroda 121/12.
Central 83 82/12 83/4.
Central New 83 84 83/4.
Imperial Old 1741/4 40.
India 178.
Union 7/6.
U. Commercial 46 45/8.

ELECTRICS

Ahmedabad 128/12
Andhra 1432/8
Andhra Pref 1232/8
Suburban 151/4
Surat 131/4
Hydro 153/8
Power 1542/8
Power Pref 1340

INSURANCE

Jupiter 12/15
New India 57/4
Oriental 4690
Vulcan 13/3

STEELS

B. Steel 22/2 22 22/1 22 22/2 22/1
I. Iron 30/15 30/13 30/14 30/13 30/15 30/14
I. Tata Defd 1647/8 42/8 57/8 51/4 55 50
I. Ord. 328 27/4 29 28/4 28/12 27/8
I. 2nd Pref 137

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 276/4 81/4
ACC 147 147/8
Belapur 223/8 22 23/8
B.B. Old 368/12 71/4 63/12
B.B. New 121/4
B.B. Petrol 1/4/6
B.I.C. 9/1 9/1/6 9/1
I. Copper 2/6/3
P. Const. 93/8 94
Tata Chem. 11/6
Tata Oil 50/4 50/12
Walchandnagar 140
Wimco 210 8/12 10

SPECIAL

Ahmedabad Elec New 75/4
Indian Cement (1937) 20 20/4
National Rayon Ord. 54/8

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Feb. 14.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready
B C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months
London Banks Selling T. T D D. 1/5 31/32 Ready
London Banks Selling T T. D D 1/5 15/16 upto 6 Months
London Banks Buying T T 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month
London Banks Buying T. T 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying D D 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying D D. 1/6 1/8 7th—9th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th—9th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month
London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th—9th Month
New York B. C Rate T T Rs 478 1/4. Montreal Rs. 435.
Banks Selling T T D. D Rs 478 1/4. Montreal Rs 435
Banks Buying T T Rs 475 Montreal Rs 431 3/4
Banks Buying D D Rs 472 1/2 Montreal Rs 429 3/4
Banks Buying D D Rs 473 3/4 L/C., Montreal Rs. 430 1/2.
Paris Banks Selling T T Fcs. 7250
Paris Banks Buying T T. Fcs 7500
Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T D. D Fl. 79
Switzerland Banks Selling T. T. D D. Fcs 90 1/4.
Belgium Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fcs. 1033
Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Gld. 79.
Hongkong Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 83 1/2.
Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D D. Rs 156 3/4.
Manila Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs 238 3/4.

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 2.79 7/8 to 2.80 1/8. London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. not quoted. London/Alexandria Cross Rate Pia. 97 1/4-3/4. London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.63-65. London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcl. 35. London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 139.90-140.10. London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36. London/Hongkong Cross Rate 1/2 27/32- 1/2 15/16 London/Iran Cross Rate Rl. 89.40-91.00 London/Java Cross Rate Fl. 10-63-65. London/Karachi Cross Rate Rs. 2/1-84-2/1.94. London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es 80.35 London/Manila Cross Rate Pes. 5.60-5.65 London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 3.07-3/4-3.08 1/4. London/New York Cross Rate dol. 2.79 7/8-2.80 1/8. London Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02. London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs 979-981 London/Prague Cross Rate K. 141 London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/32 2/4 5/32. London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50. London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs 12.23-12 26

London discts. 3 Mos. 5/8 p.c.
London Discts. 6 Mos. 3/4 p.c.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money: Call 3/4 per cent, 3 Mos. 1 per cent, 6 Mos. 1-1/4 per cent, 12 Mos. 1½ per cent.
Tone: Steady.

FURTHER INCREASE OF RS. 8/- CRORES IN TOTAL NOTES

Weekly Statement Of Reserve Bank

The following is the account of the Reserve Bank of India for the week ended the 10th day of February:

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES

	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	11,44,91,000
Notes in circulation	1145,26,15,000
Total Notes issued	1156,71,06,000
TotalLiabilities ..	1156,71,06,000

ASSETS

	Rs.
Gold Coin and Bullion:	
Held in India	40,01,71,000
Foreign Securities	650,34,38,000
Rupee Coin	51,12,09,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	415,22,88,000
Total Assets ..	1156,71,06,000

Ratio of total of A to Liabilities: 59.683 per cent.

RANKING DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES

	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:	
(a) Government	
(1) Central Government	154,57,78,000
(2) Other Governments	24,46,38,000
(b) Banks	53,01,86,000
(c) Others	61,52,66,000
Bills Payable	5,62,06,000
Other Liabilities	11,87,92,000
Rupees	321,08,66,000

ASSETS

	Rs.
Notes	11,44,91,000
Rupee Coin	10,87,000
Subsidiary Coin	1,83,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
Internal	92,00,000
Government Treasury Bills	4,15,44,000
Balances held abroad	195,17,68,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	2,28,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	8,13,93,000
Investments	94,28,19,000
Other Assets	4,55,81,000
Rupees	321,08,66,000

Madras Share Bazar

MADRAS, February 14 (PTI).

The following are today's quotations in the share market:—

Three percent paper 97,1 three percent 1986 97,1 three percent 1953|55 101,10 three percent 1970,75 100|- three percent 1966,68 100,2 Government of Travancore three percent 1952,54 101|4 Government of Madras three percent 1956 100 10 6 Banks: Travancore 14|12 PLANTINGS Chembra 5|3 Cochin Malabar 4,12 Devasola 13,12 Nelliampathy 1|2 6 Aouchterlony 6,6 Pullangode 1,5 Thirumbadi 17-1 2 percent CD 2,2 TR and T Co. 5'14 Pref six percent 9 3 TEXTILES Buckingham 151|- Pref 7-1-2 percent 185,4 Cambodia 11'14 Coimbatore CM 134|- Lakshmi Madura 39 14 Mettur 322 8 Radhakrishna 162|- Rajalakshmi 68|- Ranga Vilas 50,8 Trav Rayons 4,6 Trichinopoly 10|-.

MISCELLANEOUS Pact 4|15'6 India Cement 18|- Mettur Chem 6|-.

Calcutta Share Bazar

CALCUTTA, February 14.

The speculative counters continued quieter all through the day while other stocks remain more or less unchanged. Government Securities continued weaker.

Followng are today's final transactions upto 3-00 p.m.—

GOVT. SECURITIES: Three percent loan 1986 97|- three percent loan 1970|75 99|12 S. Lot.

BANKS:

Calcutta national 8'2 S. Lot Exdiv. Punjab National 27,14 United Commercial 45|.

COTTON:

Basanti 6|10 S. Lots.

COALS:

Bengal 535|- Burrakur 11|15 Central India 4|10 Ghusick and Muslia 15|- Parasea 2|14 Pench Valley 21|8 CT Samla Colliery 7,6 Odd Lot Union 27,8 Western Gourepore Pref 120|-.

ENGINEERINGS: Brit building and Iron 4|8 S. O. Lot Indian Iron 30;13 Jessop and Co. 13|12 CT Indian Steel and wire products 44|2 Marshalls 6|11 Saran Eng. 9|10 Steel Corp 22,2 Ditto Pref 121|8 Textile Machinery 5|14.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corp 2|10 Consolidated tin annas twelve Indian Copper 2|7 Alkali and Chemical Gox 9|10 Calcutta Electric 14|13 Angelo Bros 27|4 Bharat Airways 2|15 Bic 9|- Cum Div F and C Osler 5|11 Indian Cable 49'14 Jardine Henderson 129|- National Rolling Mills 6'8 Martin Burn 15|11 National Tobacco 16'4 CT Titaghur paper 33|- Assam Saws 8'1 Indian Steamship 7|6.

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TEAS: Betjan 9|10 Dibrugarah 10|8 Jaybirpara 34,2 New Terai 11,10 Phaskowa 140|-.

ART SILK YARN

BOMBAY, Feb. 14.

120 Ready Japan	6	3	0
150 Ready Japan	4	13	0
120 Ready Italy	5	7	0
150 Ready Italy	4	11	0
150 D. Box Feb.	927	0	0
150 D. Box March	925	0	0

The Board has lifted the ban on new business and has fixed ceiling price at Rs. 1000 and floor of Rs. 875 for February and March contracts.

SHIPPING NEWS

We give below an amended information of movements of Lloyd Triestino vessels from this Port up to early March.

"CABOTO" due Bombay 25th Feb., from Australia, sailing 26th Feb. for Naples/Genoa via Aden.

"REMO" due Bombay about 3rd March, from East Coast of India, sailing about 5th March for Italy via Aden, Red Sea, Port Said, Salonica, Piraeus and Corfu.

LONDON PEPPER MARKET

LONDON, Feb. 13: The pepper market was idle with prices of Malabar tending to be easier. Afloat was obtainable at 1,140 shillings, February shipment at 1,130 and February-March at 1,120 per cwt., c.i.f., United Kingdom. Black Lampong, February-March shipment, was unchanged at 10 sh. 5d., sellers and white Muntok at 15sh. 8d. shipping weight with white Sarawak at 16sh. 4-1/2d., per pound c.i.f., basis ports.

SINGAPORE PEPPER PRICES

SINGAPORE, Feb. 13: The Singapore pepper market was quiet with both black Lampong and white Muntok unchanged at 580 and 870 dollars per picul respectively.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Feb. 13.

2 1/2 p.c. British Consols	£70
3 1/2 p.c. Conversion Loan 1961	£93 5/8
4 p.c. Funding Loan 1960/90	£106 7/8
3 1/2 p.c. War Loan on or after Dec. 1st 1952	£91 3/4
Chartered Bank of India	£10 5/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank	£90
National Bank of India	£32

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 6,182.

HOLIDAY IN U.S.A.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13: New York Pepper Market and Silver market remained closed today.

LONDON COPRA MARKET

LONDON, Feb. 13: The copra market was steady for straits which held for £82-1/2 per ton c.i.f. but Philippines were quiet and were indicated nominally at 190 dollars per ton.

The cocoanut oil market ruled quietly steady. Straits February-March shipment in bulk was quoted at £123 per ton c.i.f. Ceylon was unquoted.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, Feb. 13.

Silver Spot and Forward both 64 pence.

Gold Bars Fine per oz £12-8-0

LONDON WHEAT

LONDON, Feb. 13.

Australian Wheat Feb-Mar. 121/8

INDEX NUMBER OF SECURITY PRICES

(BASE: 1938—100)

ALL INDIA

Group and Sub-Group	Week Ended 5-2-49	7-1-50	28-1-50	4-2-50
Govt. and Semi-Govt. Securities				
1. Govt. of India Loans	101.72	101.31	101.19	101.18
2. Indian States Loans	102.04	98.87	98.89	98.90
3. Municipal, Port Trust and Improvement Trust Loans	98.00	97.25	97.25	97.25
GROUP INDEX	101.63	101.17	101.05	101.04
Fixed Dividend Industrial Securities				
1. Electricity	78.2	81.1	81.3	81.2
2. Cotton	158.8	149.2	148.9	149.3
3. Jute	107.3	89.8	90.3	90.3
4. Coal	115.6	106.9	107.0	107.0
5. Iron & Steel	86.7	91.3	91.6	91.0
6. Sugar	128.0	106.4	106.9	106.9
7. Paper	122.1	99.2	99.2	100.4
8. Plantations	121.3	109.5	110.0	110.3
GROUP INDEX	105.98	100.60	100.89	100.76
Variable Dividend Industrial Securities				
1. Banks	130.4	123.8	122.8	121.7
2. Insurance	141.1	120.7	122.7	122.0
3. Investment Trusts	187.3	169.9	170.0	169.2
4. Electricity Companies and Tramways	85.2	85.5	85.7	85.6
5. Shipping & Other Transport Cos.	124.4	95.0	93.3	92.8
6. Railways	91.2	90.1	89.6	89.6
7. Plantations	145.3	125.8	127.0	127.8
8. Cotton, Woollen & Silk	173.6	157.7	158.7	155.5
9. Jute	96.7	77.2	77.4	76.3
10. Coa	125.2	106.7	106.1	105.9
11. Mining & Oil	69.5	64.2	62.5	60.7
12. Iron & Steel	146.0	154.3	154.8	152.2
13. General Engineering	173.2	167.8	165.9	163.8
14. Sugar	134.7	121.9	121.4	121.0
15. Breweries	108.5	106.6	104.8	105.1
16. Chemicals	166.3	165.0	162.5	161.4
17. Paper	105.6	110.3	109.2	108.9
18. Cement	129.0	131.2	134.1	131.6
GROUP INDEX	126.82	118.77	118.54	117.26

REGIONAL

Region and Group	Week Ended 5-2-49	7-1-50	28-1-50	4-2-50
BOMBAY				
Govt. and Semi-Govt. Securities	101.01	100.45	100.36	100.35
Fixed Dividend Industrials	94.7	98.7	99.0	98.6
Variable Dividend Industrials	139.9	136.9	136.6	134.2
CALCUTTA				
Govt. and Semi-Govt. Securities	101.97	101.56	101.42	101.40
Fixed Dividend Industrials	118.8	100.9	101.3	101.4
Variable Dividend Industrials	117.7	107.0	106.6	105.8
MADRAS				
Govt. and Semi-Govt. Securities	101.80	101.48	101.37	101.36
Fixed Dividend Industrials	123.5	116.0	116.2	116.4
Variable Dividend Industrials	148.7	140.6	140.5	140.3

Dr. Ho Chi-Minh On His Way To Moscow

LONDON, Feb. 14 (PTI-Reuter): The diplomatic correspondent of the "News Chronicle" said today that Ho Chi-Minh, the Communist leader in Viet Nam, is reported in Saigon to be on his way to Moscow.

There is a general feeling in London that Indo-China will be the next country in South-East Asia to attract serious Communist attention, he said.

A visit by Dr. Ho to Moscow could bring him into the discussions which have been going on there for the past nine weeks with Mao Tse-tung, the Chinese Communist leader, and Chou En Lai, the Chinese Foreign Minister, he said.

Malaya Rice Crop Increases

LONDON, Feb. 13 (PTI-Reuter):—Malay's rice crop for the present season is expected to be the highest in the history of the country, the Colonial Office stated tonight.

On the basis of figures from the various states and settlements, the Acting Director of Agriculture, Dr. A. E. S. McIntosh, estimates that rice production may exceed 400,000 tons, as compared with 307,180 tons in the 1948-49 season and a production of 300,000 tons average before the war.

CONTINENTAL STOCK EXCHANGES

PARIS, Feb. 13: A small turnover in a featureless session induced an irregular tendency today with attention centred on the depression in free gold. In forward dealings, the majority of the issues pursued a lower course. Industrials managed to consolidate their position while internationals were featured by a mild setback in royal Dutch, an easier tendency among Argentines and a slight recovery by Rioninto. Certain goldmines continued to make an upward progress. Rentes displayed firmness.

BRUSSELS: A few specialities captured much of the interest today among which Sofina received a fair amount of attention. A firm spot in mostly irregular markets was provided by societe generale. Rubbers were somewhat easier but coal shares displayed resistance despite the irregular price movements.

AMSTERDAM: The price level underwent little change from Friday's close. Dealings were restricted. Blasts furnaces moved fou. lower on rumours of capital issue before long. Indonesians were maintained around Friday's level with sugars showing minor losses. Shippingz were firmer. Investment issues were neglected. Netherlands dollars loans were firmer.

IMPORT OF U. S. COTTON

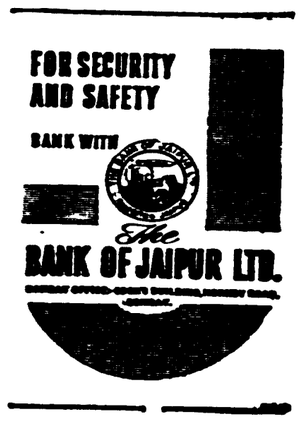
Circular To Spinning Mills

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The Textile Commissioner to the Government of India has sent a circular to all the "purely" spinning mills in the Indian Union asking them to inform him before February 20 their firm requirements of U.S.A. cotton of stapling 7/8 inches to 15/16 inches for the manufacture of reeling yarn.

The Textile Commission has also asked them to send in an undertaking to the effect that quantities of cotton allotted to them by the Textile Commissioner would be accepted by them subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the Textile Commissioner with regard to the method of importation, fixation of prices, mode of delivery and payment.

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 14 (PTI): The recent cold spell took a toll of six lives in Gujarat, according to reports received from the districts. A bridegroom died in Saurashtra while being taken in a marriage procession.



Protection To Textile Machinery Industry

DEBATE RESUMED IN PARLIAMENT

NEW DELHI, February 14. (PTI).

PARLIAMENT today resumed consideration of the Indian Tariff (Third Amendment) Bill. Mr. Gadgil, concluding his speech, said that both the starch and textile machinery industries sought to be protected by the bill, satisfied the conditions for protection. The capital invested in the starch industry was rupees one crore and in the textile machinery industry Rs. 4.82 crores.

The Indian starch factories, said Mr. Gadgil, at one stage in 1943 manufactured seventy-seven thousand tons of starch. The production had gone down in 1948 to just 3,899 tons on account of shortage of the raw material, maize. India imported starch worth Rs. 2.61 crores but the Tariff Board felt that given protection and the necessary quantity of maize the Indian industry could meet the demand in India, which was put at 50,000 tons.

As regards textile machinery, it was necessary to make the Indian textile industry as self-sufficient as possible in the matter of subsidiary requirements. From that point of view it was only in the fitness of things that the textile machinery industry in India should be given protection. This industry was conducted on sound business lines and the demand for its products would rise progressively.

SIDHWA OPPOSES

Prof. Ranga expressed his "complete agreement" with the views expressed by Mr. Gadgil. He felt that the protection would affect only the industrialists and not the consumers.

The House should look at the question not from a narrow point of view but from the point of view of a strategic industry. If a war came, the spinning industry would have to depend on foreign countries for starch or ring frames.

Mr. R K. Sidhwa opposing protection said he was surprised that Prof. Ranga, "who professes to spea'. on behalf of the common man", should have said that it would not affect the common man. A 20 per cent protective duty on imported starch would mean an increase of 40 lakhs in the price of imported starch.

The industrialists would not be "charitable" enough to pay it themselves but would pass it on to the consumer. While the Industry and Finance Ministers were trying to bring down prices, another Minister wanted to raise it.

Even the Tariff Board, said Mr. Siddhwa, had stated that a 20 per cent protective duty would not be enough. But a seventy-five per cent duty would be necessary. "Why are you trying to hoodwink the House by coming forward with a proposed 20 per cent protection", he asked.

Mr. Sidhwa had, however, no objection to giving protection to the textile machinery manufacturing industry. He had not sufficient data on the subject, he said, but on such data as was available, it seemed that there would be no burden on the consumer.

STANDARDISATION

Mr. Hussain Imam supported the measure but said that industries like the textile machinery industry needed standardisation, inspection and control. The accounts must be audited by a Government agency and if possible, Government directors should be appointed to these companies.

A constant watch should be kept on the prices charged by the biggest factory and they should be reduced at least to the level charged by the smaller producers.

A SACRIFICE

Mr. Ramalingam Chettiar and Mr. Ramnath Goenka (Madras) said that they could not understand the argument of the Tariff Board that in the interests of the "complete machinery" manufacturers, ten per cent protection should be granted.

The Tariff Board had said that five per cent protection would be sufficient for the indigenous rings and spindles but ten per cent protection would be needed for the "complete machinery", which simply meant the addition of a frame which, according to Mr. Goenka, could be made by "any blacksmith in India."

Mr. Chettiar said that on account of the difficulty of securing frames during the war, many of the mills made the frames themselves. "What is now sought to be done is that this work of making frames and other things in the factory itself should be given up in the interests of the "complete machinery" manufacturers. That is what it comes to.

BIG FIRM, BIG PRICES

Recently, Mr. Chettiar continued, one of the mills with which he was connected asked for quotations for certain types of machinery from the smaller factories and from the big manufacturers. The big manufacturers had quoted Rs. 35,000 more and their quality was not satisfactory.

Hence this protection sought to be given to the bigger manufacturers "is not for the industry itself but for some sort of leakage."

He wanted the Government to look into these matters closely before making up their minds.

Mr. Goenka supported Mr. Chettiar and added that while on Government's own admission the indigenous protection of ring frames was sufficient to meet only 50 per cent of the country's demands this year, 30 per cent of next year's demands and 25 per cent of the requirements in 1952, the Commerce Ministry in August 1949 imposed a blanket ban on the import of ring frames from abroad.

"Whether you give protection or not", said Mr. Goenka, "by a stroke of the pen you make it incumbent upon every textile mill to buy the rings from indigenous sources whatever be the price or quality."

In spite of this action of the Commerce Ministry, said Mr. Goenka, the Minister for Industry and told the House only this morning that licences would be issued freely for the import of textile machinery to replace old ones.

NOT RELEVANT

Mr. Goenka felt that the question of protection was decided by Government "not on its merits but according to the influence of the individuals who are interested in the industry concerned."

As he was illustrating his point by referring to the "indiscriminate licences" granted for the import of soda ash and caustic soda, the Deputy Speaker, Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, ruled that no aspersions should be cast on the Government.

Mr. Mahavir Tyagi: "If the discussion is restricted on these considerations, the liberty of the House will be jeopardised to a very great extent. The soda ash protection scandal is known all over the country. The soda ash industry was once protected but today it is absolutely ruined. That is a matter of policy in which Government has really failed."

Mr. Ayyangar said that whatever be the merits of the case, it was not relevant to the present Bill.

Seven more members participated in the debate before the House adjourned for the day.

Mr. Biswanath Das wanted Government to devise a machinery to see that the protection was used to improve the industry and not benefit speculators. Mr. Himatsingka refuted criticism that protection was being given, not on merits, but because of interested parties.

He said the "blanket ban", referred to by Mr. Goenka, had been imposed only because of the exchange position then. Mr. Devi Dutt Pant said protection should be given only to nationalised industries, which would thus benefit the country, and not to industries owned by capitalists who would only be filling their pockets. The House, he said, should not support the measure.

The House adjourned till Thursday when further consideration of the Bill would be resumed.

ENCHAINED TO NEW AUTOCRACY

Jayaprakash On Congress Tactics

PATNA, Feb. 14 (PTI).

Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan the Socialist leader, in a statement criticised the Congress for the alleged denial of facilities by authorities for the preparation of the inaugural conference of the Hind Kisan Panchayat at Rewa.

Mr. Narayan said he had received a telegram from Pandit Ramanand Mishra, General Secretary of the Hind Kisan Panchayat, stating that all hotel, petrol and tent facilities were denied by the authorities. He added that it was still possible for the authorities "to frighten people to such an extent that they would shut their doors to the opponents of the Congress and deny them the use of their goods."

Mr. Narayan said: "The conference, of course, is going to be held at Rewa as decided, even if all the delegates have to spend their nights and days in the open. However, it is of vital importance for the future of our country that the people were made aware of the lengths to which the Congress administration is prepared to go to suppress its critics and crush any independent movement.

If the people of India are silent, they would find sooner or later that they have forfeited their liberties and that they have been enchained to a new autocracy.

Barbour Scholarships Fo Oriental Women

The Barbour Scholarships for Oriental Women are offered to deserving students at the University of Michigan, U.S.A., every year. Each of these scholarships yields 400 dollars per term and University fees. The amount of the scholarship, however, is not sufficient to meet all expenses of a scholar, but it is sufficient to enable worthy students, who cannot otherwise do so, to go to America for higher education.

All courses of instruction offered at the University of Michigan are open to women students and the Barbour Scholarships are not limited to women pursuing any particular course of study.

The Scholarships are awarded at the beginning of March to take effect at the beginning of the following semester in September for a period of two terms

Applications for Barbour Scholarships should be addressed to the Ministry of Education, Government of India, New Delhi, immediately, for onward transmission to the University of Michigan.

Dr. S. S. Bhatnagar, (black coat) Director of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Reseach left by air for U. K. on a scientific mission on behalf of the Government of India and the Royal Institute of London.

ENEMY PROPERTY IN INDIA

Assets Total More Than Rs. 6 Crores

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14, (PTI).

MR. K. C. NEOGY, Commerce Minister, told Mr. R. K. Sidhwa today that a sum of Rs. 6.7 crores was with the Custodian of Enemy Property. Out of this 6.08 crores was in cash and the balane in non-liquid assets. Besides assets of the aggregate value of 1.76 crores were being held on behalf of the allied countries in Europe which came under enemy occupation during the war.

Mr. Tyagi: "How much is spent on the establishment?" Mr. Neogy: "The Government of India does not incur any expenditure over the establishment. The cost is charged to the account of the properties."

Mr. Mohanlal Saksena, Minister of State for Rehabilitation told in reply to a supplementary that the question of reducing the vocational training centres was under the consideration of the Government and a committee had been appointed to go into the question.

In the centres now run by the Government of India, 5,042 persons were being trained while in other centres 8,480 persons were receiving training.

Mr. Saksena told Sardar Hukam Singh in reply to another question that the Government of India had planned to rehabilitate three lakhs of refugees in Delhi. Other refugees were asked to go elsewhere, but they were refusing to do so. Most of the evacuee houses occupied by local residents had been taken over.

DISPLACED MINISTERS

Mr. Bhopinder Singh Man: "How many displaced Ministers have come to Delhi and how far have they been rehabilitated?" (loud laughter). There was no reply.

CLOTH PRODUCTION

The Minister of Industry and Supply, Dr. S. P. Mookherjee, said that 1,143,936,000 yards of fine and superfine cloth and 182,433,000 pounds of fine yarn were produced by Indian textiles mills from the use of long staple cotton during 1949.

Mr. Khuladhar Chaliha: Are the Government taking steps to encourage cultivation of short staple cotton?

The Minister: The Honourable Member evidently means long staple cotton.

Mr. Chaliha: No. Short staple cotton.

The Minister: We have surplus stock of short staple cotton and we want to produce more long staple cotton. That is the long and short of it. (laughter).

ABDUCTED WOMEN

Dr. B. V. Keskar said that 158 women and 101 children were recovered from the Pakistan side of the cease fire line in Kashmir and from the Indian side 142 women and 69 children in the second half of 1949.

Mr. Mohanlal Saksena told Pandit Mukut Biharilal that about 7,000,000 non-Muslim displaced persons had migrated from Pakistan into India upto January 31, 1950 and 5,800,000 Muslims left India for Pakistan.

REMITTANCE TO INDO-CHINA

Dr. B. V. Keskar, Deputy Minister (External Affairs), told Mr. K. Bharathi that special remittance facilities granted to Indians in Indo-China by the Government of India were discontinued, but the facilities of making remittances through normal banking channels as permitted by exchange control regulations of the Government of Indo-China were still in force.

No representation had been received from the Indo-China Indian Association nor any steps been taken to give relief to the dependents in this country.

The Commerce Minister, Mr. K. C. Neogy, in a written reply to Mr. R. Venkataraman stated today that proposal had been received from the International Tea Committee for the extension of the International Tea Agreement for a further period of five years. The Central Tea Board recommended that acreage under tea cultivation should be limited to 2½ per cent new plantings and 6½ per cent replacements during the next five years. The latest proposals of the International Tea Committee were to provide for extension of tea area upto five per cent and replacement of tea area upto ten per cent of the total permissible acreage as on March 31, 1950. The Government accepted the proposal of the International Tea Committee.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Minister for Law, in a written reply to Mr. Bijoy Kumar Pani stated that the Government proposed to introduce if possible during the session a Representation of the People Bill dealing with various matters relating to elections, including the powers of the Election Committee. He was unable to specify the date when the bill would be ready for introduction.

TRAINING IN MALAYA

Dr. B. V. Keskar, Deputy Minister for External Affairs, told Mr. R. K. Sidhwa today that the Malayan legislature had passed a bill for withdrawing the privilege enjoyed so far by the Indian agent in Malaya to inspect condition of India labour there. The bill was passed in December, 1949 but had not yet been implemented.

The Agent of the Government of India had been consulted when the bill was pending but it had been passed in spite of their disapproval. The Indian representative in Malaya has taken up the question whether after the implementation of the act, he could look after the interests of Indian labourers there informally.

Mr. V. C. Kesava Rao: Is it a fact that Indian labourers are treated as Communists and they are punished by the Malayan Government?"

Dr. Keskar: Our information is that there have been not more than 200 cases of Indian labourers having been penalised for Communist activities.

HOUSING THE M.P.s

(By Our Special Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14: The Ministry of Works is reviving its scheme to build additional residential quarters for the members of Parliament, it is learned here. Due to economy cut this proposal was cut down to building one hostel to accommodate one hundred members at an estimated cost of Rs. 20 lakhs.

This provision is regarded as inadequate to meet the requirements of all the members of Parliament. In fact, it would only provide accommodation for about 50 per cent of them.

It is now proposed to enlarge the hostel plans to accommodate 200 members and build detached bungalows for 200 others. These plans are estimated to cost about Rs. 80 lakhs or Rs. 60 lakhs more than provided in the Patel Award. An early decision is expected.

PAPER SORTING OFFICE IN KARACHI

(From Our Correspondent.)

KARACHI, Feb 14: A novel plan to assist newspapers in speedy despatch of their copies to the subscribers has been envisaged by the local Postal authorities.

Under the plan, a special 'Paper Sorting Office' has been established in the vicinity of the Karachi City Railway station which will, besides, assist the public also by accepting registered letters for two hours after this work has ceased at the General Post Office.

STEPS TO STOP CLOSURE OF TEXTILE MILLS

Dr. Mookerjee's Explanation In Parliament

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14. (PTI).

DR. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, Minister of Industry and Supply, gave Parliament today an account of the effect of the closure of textile mills, the causes for the closure and the steps taken by the Government to counter the effects.

In reply to Seth Damoder Swarup, the Industry Minister said that during the period June 1 to December 31, 1949, ten textiles mills (six spinning and four composite) had closed down completely and 20 mills (there spinning and 17 composite) had closed partially, resulting in monthly loss of production of 8-1/2 million yards of cloth and 801,000 lbs. of yarn and displacement of 27,432 workers.

The Sholapur Mill alone accounted for three million yards of cloth and half million pounds of yarn and a displacement of 12,000 workers.

Unemployment in cotton mills, he said, had been mainly due to closure of mills on account of accumulation of stocks, shortage of cotton mismanagement and or old and dilapidated machinery.

To clear the accumulation, mills had been permitted to sell their entire production for a period of three months to buyers of their own choice and other mills had been permitted to sell one-third of their production and also stocks not lifted by the states to buyers of their own choice.

These measures had already brought good results and the mills were no longer faced with accumulation of stocks.

NO SCARCITY NOW

As regards cotton, quotas had been allotted to each mill from producing centres. Mills could purchase and move cotton up to the quotas allotted. For replacing old and dilapidated machinery, import licences were being freely issued On 31st December 1949, 28 mills had threatened closure and 21 mills withdrew notices of closure as a result of the assistance rendered by Government.

Prof Ranga asked whether it was a fact that there were huge stocks of cotton cloth lying in consumer centres. The Minister replied: "There are adequate supplies in the country and there is no complaint of scarcity".

The Minister said that only four or five mills were closed for want of cotton supply. The Government had done everything possible to ensure supply of cotton within the limited resources available. He added: "We are expecting that no serious catastrophe will arise".

SHOLAPUR MILL

Dr. Mookerjee said that so far as Sholapur Mill was concerned, cotton was being purchased now and the administrative machinery set up. The mill was expected to start production within two weeks.

Mr. Sidhwa—Is it a fact that the balance sheet of the mill showed that 40 per cent dividend was declared?

Dr. Mookerjee—That was all eaten up.

In reply to Mr. Krishnaswami Bharathi, the Minister said that the Harvey Mills decided to reduce production in February but the Government had assured them of supply of cotton.

According to the new scheme of subsidizing imported cotton for handloom yarn, the mill would therefore not close down. All mills which were capable of producing variety of yarn suitable for the handloom industry would be given subsidized cotton.

Mr. Ramnath Goenka: Will the Government consider the advisibility of controlling the price of kapas (unginned cotton)?

Dr. Mookerjee: The cotton policy of the Government is under investigation now and I would not like to make an announcement at present.

M.P.'s Party To President

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14. Members of Parliament gave a party this evening to President Rajendra Prasad.

Among those present were the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, the Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, and other Ministers, Judges of the Supreme Court, the Indian Army Commander-in-Chief General K. M. Cariappa, the Commander-in-Cchief of the Indian Navy, Vice-Admiral W. E. Parry, Air Vice-Marshal Mookerjee and other high-ranking civil and military officials, city fathers and leading citizens.

The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar received the guests who numbered about a thousand.

ANOTHER K. M. T. SHIP DETAINED

U. S. Move To Prevent Vessels Falling Into Red Hands

COLOMBO, (Ceylon) Feb. 14. (PTI-Reuter)

CEYLON AUTHORITIES have detained the 3,818 ton Chinese Nationalist cargo ship 'Union Pioneer' at the request of the United States Embassy here. The 'Union Pioneer' now lying in Colombo harbour is one of the 42 American merchant ships sold to the Chinese Nationalist Government on which America claims mortagages are still outstanding.

The 'Union Pioneer' is the fifth Nationalist ship to be detained at the request of the American Government in a week.

The 7,607 ton 'Chungking Victory' was held at Aden yesterday. Last month the American State Department instructed its consuls in the Far East to detain these ships to prevent them falling into Communist hands.

BRISBANE, Feb 14 (PTI-Reuter): The 3,800 ton Chinese Nationalist ship "Union Star, detained here on February 3 at the request of the United States Government was rearrested today on a new warrant.

NO RECEIVER

The warrant was issued by the Queensland Supreme Court after it had rejected an appucation by the United States Government for the appointment of a receiver on the "Union Star."

The Court ruled that the Chinese Republic was a sovereign state and therefore need not submit to the Court's jurisdiction.

The United States representatives later laid a new claim for immediate possession of the steamer for default of mortgage. The original writ for the detention of the ship was issued by the Supreme Court on February 3 after the United States Government had claimed the Chinese Nationalist Government had not paid off a mortgage given by America on the ship in August 1944.

COL. McCORMICK TO VISIT INDIA

Chicago Tribune Publisher

CHICAGO, Feb. 14 (PTI-Reuter): Colonel Robert McCormicy, Publisher of the "Chicago Tribune" and one of America's outstanding newspaper publishers, is to visit India and Pakistan next month.

Accompanied by his wife, Colonel McCormick is to make a 22,000 miles world tour "as a reporter looking for news"

They will arrive in India on March 6.

In addition to being the Editor and Publisher of the "Chicago Tribune", Colonel McCormick is a major stockholder in the "New York Daily News", the paper with the largest circulation in America. He is also one of the proprietors of the "Washington Times Herald" and the owner of radio and television stations.

His support of India's crusade for independence through the years is widely recognised throughout the subcontinent.

"I am looking forward with the greatest interest to my visit to India and Pakistan", he said. "This interest is specially intensified because India has become free"

They will arrive at Bombay on March 6, and will stay at the Taj Mahal Hotel.

After a day in Bombay, Colonel McCormick will fly to Colombo, Ceylon, Bangkok and Rangoon. He is due in New Delhi on March 11 for a two-day stay.

INDO-BRITISH ENVOYS IN PEKING

For Talks On Diplomatic Relations With Reds

HONG KONG, Feb. 14 (PTI-Reuter): The Communist New China News Agency announced here today that Mr. J. C. Hutchison and Mr. S. K. Sen, the British and Indian Charges d'Affaires, arrived in Peking, capital of Communist China, yesterday to "conduct talks on establishing diplomatic relations with the Central People's Communist Government."

The agency said they were met on arrival by Wang Choju, Chief of the Protocol Department of the Foreign Ministry.

Britain officially recognised the Communist Government in China on January 6. Indian recognition was announced on December 30 last year.

BLANK PAPER FOR BANK NOTES

Conjurer Arrested

(From Our Correspondent)

KARWAR, Feb. 14: A conjurer, who is now identified as one, Pandurang Vaman Achari of Sirsi, who had decamped with an amount of Rs. 600 from an unsophisticated fisherman of Chandia, a village about five miles from Karwar, on an assurance, it is stated, that he would transform it into Rs. 1,200, was arrested by the Police on February 10, and brought to Karwar. It is stated that over Rs. 100 was found with him.

It may be recalled that in the last week of January, the conjurer who was performing his tricks in the above village, claimed among other things that he could double the face-value of any currency-note by his conjuring tricks and gave demonstrations of his tricks to the villagers and obtained from the fisherman Rs. 600 in currency notes and returned to him a 'packet', warning him not to open it for some days.

The next day the conjurer and his accomplice, one, Raghoba Bhikaro Bandi, of the same village were found missing and the anxious fisherman opened the 'packet' to discover only blank pieces of paper.

The fisherman complained to the Police. The conjurer's accomplice was arrested on February 8, and his arrest led to the tracing and arrest of the former.

Party To Governor

BOMBAY, Tuesday: Their Excellencies Raja Maharaj Singh, Governor of Bombay and Rani Maharaj Singh were entertained at a tea party by the Society of the Honorary Presidency Magistrates of Bombay at the Cricket Club of India on Tuesday evening.

Among those present at the function were Hon. Mr. K. S. Firodia, Speaker of the Bombay Assembly, Hon. Mr. M. C. Chagla, Chief Justice and other judges of the Bombay High Court, Mr. K. D. Billimoria, Commissioner of Police, Bombay, Mr. Oscar H. Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate and other Magistrates of the Bombay Police Courts and a large number of other prominent persons of the city.

Mobile Eye Unit To Tour Karwar

KARWAR, Feb. 14: The Mobile Ophthalmic Eye Unit, under the Bombay Government's Free Eye-Service Scheme, is scheduled to tour in the Karwar District from March 6 to March 24 when eye examinations will be undertaken for the patients who seek advice, informs the Medical Officer-in-Charge of the Unit, Dr. Major V. R. Koppikar.

Rafael Sabaini Dead

ADELBOEDEN Feb 14: Rafael Sabatini, the famous novelist, died at a hotel in this Swiss town on Monday at the age of 75.

Provincial Co-operative Bank Opens Branch

KOLHAPUR, Feb. 14: "A Branch of the Bombay Provincial Co-operative Bank Limited was declared open by Mr. V. P. Varde, Managing Director of the Bank on Sunday February 12 at Kolhapur.

The Branch has started to finance Co-operative Societies in Karvir, Kagal Bavada Ajra Radhanagari, Gadahinglaj and Bhudargad Talukas in the Kolhapur District. A large number of the Co-operative workers and prominent citizens of Kolhapur were present.

Another Branch at Gadahinglaj will be opened shortly".

Orissa Homoeopathic Congress

BERHAMPUR (Ganjam), Feb. 14: The All Orissa Homoeopathic Congress held its sixth session at Berhampur on the 4th and 5th instant in the local Town Hall under the presidentship of Dr G. P. Patel of Bombay the General Secretary of the All India Homoeopathic Federation.

Dr. G. B. Patel in his speech reviewed the philosophical and scientific points of Homoeopathy and expressed strong disapproval of the recommendations of the Homoeopathic Enquiry Committee of Government of India. He made special stress on state recognition of Homoeopathy in these days of democracy.

Dr. J. Choudhry, General Secretary of the Association read a brief report of the Association since its inception 14 years ago.

A resolution urging the Government of Orissa to forthwith implement the recommendation of the Utkal Homoeopathic Committee without waiting for the action of the Central Government was passed.

Cold Wave Damage In Jubbulpore

(From Our Correspondent)

JUBBULPORE, Feb. 14.

The cold wave has damaged linseed, masur, dhania, tomatoes and brinjals in Jubbulpore. The condition of other rabi crop including wheat, gram, peas and other cereals is however satisfactory and they have survived the frost.

Dacoits Loot Villages

(From Our Correspondent)

JUBBULPORE, Feb. 14.

Property worth Rs. 15,000 was looted by a gang of 25 armed dacoits who raided village Kurara near Damoh on Sunday after giving the villagers previous notice of their designs. The police reached the spot when dacoits had already left the village after ransacking it.

Ex-Minister Surrenders Before Magistrate

(From Our Correspondent)

JUBBULPORE, Feb 14.

Sardar Narmadaprasad Singh ex-Revenue Minister, Vindhya Pradesh against whom a non-bailable warrant of arrest had been issued surrendered himself before the Special Magistrate's court yesterday. He was released on furnishing a bail of Rs. 20,000 and executing a personal bond for an equal amount. The Sardar is being prosecuted for alleged charge of misappropriating part of the Mahatma Gandhi National Memorial Fund.

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MAKING KANHERI A NATIONAL PARK

Centre Of Pilgrimage On Maha Sivaratri

By R. P. Acharya

FOR years, Kanheri Caves have been a centre of pilgrimage on Maha Sivratri Day. This was due to the association of the two colossi at the entrance to Cave 3 in the public mind with Bhima, the third and Gigantic brother among the Five Pandavas, who, tradition holds, visited these parts.

This association is incorrect since the Caves are undoubtedly Buddhist, but it has served to link Maha Sivaratri with Kanheri Caves. The Bombay Government's plan to build a National Park around Kanheri Caves has in no way affected the public worship which takes place on this day, though they have ensured that reverence is not demonstrated in an unseemly fashion.

A LEGISLATIVE Bill, called the National Parks Bill, will in all likelihood be introduced in the ensuing session of the Bombay Legislative Assembly, in order to penalise the slaughter of birds, animals and aquatic creatures, in areas declared as National Parks by the Government, like the Kanheri National Park near Borivli and the 80 square miles National Park at Dandeli, in North Kanara.

The Bill, it is learnt, has become necessary on account of the indiscriminate manner in which animals and birds have been shot down in different places in the state, very often resulting in the total extinction of rare types or species.

The Kanheri National Park, for instance, contained precious few birds before Government acquired it, and is even today almost totally devoid of animal life. The present Director of National Parks in the Province is trying to make good this defection, as for as it is possible to do so with the means at his disposal. He has already introduced into the Park a few hundred painted partridges and peacocks and many types of butterflies of gorgeous colourings and design. He has also made arrangements to shortly introduce droves of spotted deer, the "Sambhar" and the antelope.

He stated in an interview today: "We propose not to have any carnivorous animals in the Park. I have heard that there is a solitary panther somewhere here".

He also disclosed that the Government was conducting a botanical and geological survey, for purely educational purposes. Some bauxite deposits had been discovered, but, Government had no intention of starting anything for industrial reasons in the Park. They had already collected 500 botanical specimens and many types of butterflies. There were stratifications which students might be interested to study.

Best For Picnics

The Kanheri National Park, rich in natural scenery, with the river Dahisar flowing through it, and the historic Kanheri caves in it, is about 5,000 acres in area. It is some furlongs from the Borivli Station, and is an ideal place for picnicing, or brief holiday excursions of a day or two. Recently, a residential hotel, has come into existence in the Park, for the convenience of holidayers. The Government has also put up some picturesque cottages, called cabins, in which a visitor could stay for a maximum of three days for a small charge. In addition to this, a certain number of huts have been constructed, and there are open air cooking arrangements for families if they go on an outing.

Mr. Desai said that public response to Government efforts had so far been satisfactory. The average attendance per day was about 800 to 1,000 persons, and on Sundays and holidays, it was more. On Maha Sivaratri Day, last year about 9,000 persons had visited the National Park.

He revealed that he had a scheme of floriculture which would require about 20 acres of land. He had already developed five acres for this purpose, and a flower garden had come into existence already. This was not only for pleasure, but, he expected that the Park would eventually pay for itself by this means. He had planted in this patch of ground about 3,000 banana trees. He expected that by the sale of flowers, fruits and bulbs and seeds, the Park would earn about Rs. 25,000 in the next year.

"We have so far earned Rs. 50,000 by the sale of flowers, seeds and blubs and the total amount spent so far for the development of the Park is Rs. four lakhs. I am sure that the Park will repay all investment within ten years", he stated.

Contradicting the charge of extravagance levelled in some quarters in respect of the Park, Mr. Desai said that not only had his department not drawn all the moneys sanctioned so far, but it was not likely that it would be done in the future also. He believed that the Park could be made to pay its way, at least partly, even while in the process of development.

The amount of four lakhs so far spent, he said, included the construction of roads, the erection of tourist cabins as well as the upkeep of the department. One of the measures of economy, which had been effected by his department was in this that the Adivasis in the vicinity had co-operated with the Government and themselves put out forest fires, if and when they occurred.

Mr. Desai said that one could not look at the object of a National Park purely in terms of money. National Parks were the characterstic of all European countries as well as in America and their intention was to conserve for posterity, the fauna and the flora, the historic objects, the natural scenery and the wild life of a particular area, which would become a sanctuary for this purpose.

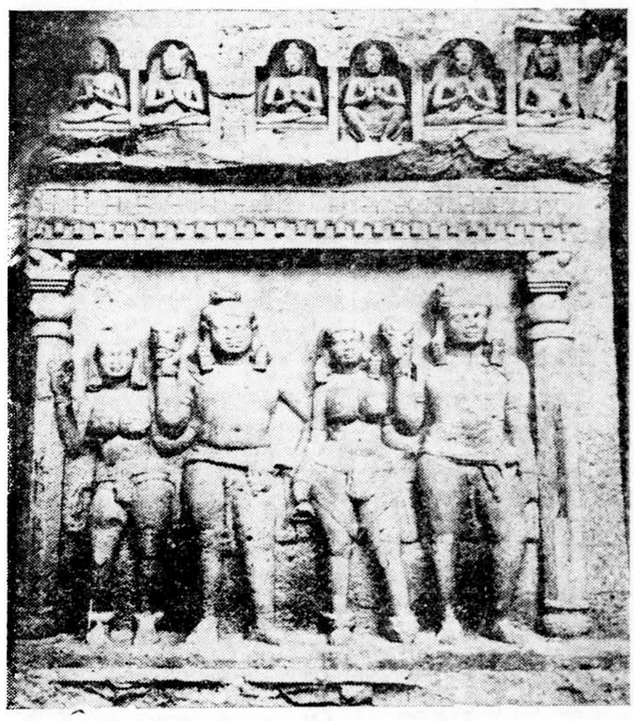
Mr. Desai said that construction had already started on a swimming pool in the Park. This would be done by damming the waters of Dahisar. They had already planted 10,000 bamboo trees, to constitute a bamboo forest. The bamboos were of local as well as exotic varieties, some of the latter being Burmese, Chinese and Japanese. They were also waiting for the outbreak of the monsoon to plant about 1,000 different varieties of mangoes. They were already in possession of the shoots and the ground also had been made ready.

Mr. Desai, felt, that in time, the National Park, would attract more and more people, who would like to escape from the stress and monotony of city life to the tranquility of this protected area.

WHERE SOLITUDE IN PEACE AND BEAUTY SLEEPS

The river Dahisar against the pictureque background of trees and hill ...one of the charming sights at the National Park.

Chief Minister Kher in the very thick of the Park. With him is Mr. B. L. Desai, Director of National Parks.



Exquisitely sculpted figures at the entrances to one of the caves in the National Park.

BALDEV SINGH TO VISIT COCHIN

Laying Foundation Of Naval School

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14 (PTI): The Defence Minister, Sardar Baldev Singh, accompanied by Sir W. E. Parry, C-in-C, Indian Navy, will arrive in Cochin on February 23, for a four-day visit during which he will lay the foundation-stone of the combined naval schools and inspect the port and naval training establishments in Cochin.

On February 24, Sardar Baldev Singh will visit the port administrative building and later the naval training establishment, I.N.S. "Venduruthy'. Later, he will receive an address of welcome from the Port Cochin Municipality.

On Saturday, February 25, he will lay the foundation stone of the combined training schools and afterwards visit the ships of the Indian Naval Squadron anchored there. Among the engagements for the day will be a luncheon on board the I.N.S. "Delhi" in honour of the distinguished visitors including the Rajpramukh of the Union of Travancore and Cochin and the Maharaja of Cochin.

In the afternoon, the Defence Minister will receive an address of welcome from the municipalities.

He will leave Cochin for Delhi on February 26.

MYSTERY OF LIFE MAY SOON BE REVEALED

Einstein's New Theory Has Great Possibilities

PRINCETON (New Jersey) Feb. 14. (PTI-Reuter).

PROFESSOR Albert Einstein's new Unified Field Theory—embodying the unity of gravitation and electro magnetism—will be published here within a few days.

Scientists said here that if this linking succeeds, the discoveries to come from it might be as surprising as those from his two earlier theories: special relativity in 1905 and general relativity in 1915.

Special relativity revealed that energy and mass are equivalent, the fundamental basis for today's atom bombs and hopes of atomic power. General relativity explained gravitation more completely than Newton's laws and gave a different idea of this force.

Scientists speculated that the new Unified Theory might also explain certain mysteries about matter and energy, which go to form men and life.

MATHEMATICAL DIFFICULTY

It is reported that Einstein seeks to unify the Quantum Theory and gravitation. The Quantum Theory is that energy is not a continuous flow, but is made up of separate "packets." These energy quanta are very tiny, with a magnitude similar to atoms.

The new theory, like former Einstein theories, deals with a four dimensional length, breadth-thickness, time-space and time-universe. This space-time-universe is not Euclidean, its geometry being not unlike that which earlier scientists of earlier times used in their mathematical descriptions of the physical universe.

Dr. Einstein writes: "The solution appears to me highly convincing, although due to mathematical difficulties, I have not yet found a practical way to confront the results of theory with experimental evidence."

AN OLD FAKER

WASHINGTON: Representative John E. Rankin (Democrat-Mississippi) yesterday called Professor Einstein an "old faker" with a record of Communist front activity who should have been deported long ago.

Einstein had nothing to do with developing the Atom Bomb, Rankin said.

Professor Einstein is rated among scientists as the greatest theoretical physicist since Newton.

Although he did not work on the Atom Bomb itself, his Special Relativity Theory formed the basis for the bomb.

The United States embarked on the A-Bomb project after Professor Einstein wrote to President Roosevelt during the war saying that a bomb was possible and warning that the Germans might succeed in developing one.

Mr. Rankin had printed in the Congressional record, excerpts from a report prepared for him by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

COMMUNIST LINE

"The bunk that he (Einstein) now is spreading" about world government "is simply carrying out the Communist line," Mr. Rankin said.

Professor Einstein on Sunday night warned mankind to stop fighting or disappear from the face of the earth under the impact of modern weapons.

Mr. Rankin said the Committee report listed Einstein as having been associated with the Congress of American-Soviet Friendship, the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign-Born, and the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

STRIKE ONLY AS LAST RESORT

Madras Governor's Appeal To Labour

MADRAS, Feb. 14 (UPI): An appeal to the workers "to realise the necessity to avoid strikes and conflicts except as the very last resort, and to extend their full co-operation to maintain the highest level of production" was made by H. H. the Maharaja of Bhavnagar, Governor of Madras, while opening the confectionery factory of Messrs. Parry and Company at Nellikuppam this afternoon before a large and distinguished gathering.

His Excellency, in the course of his speech, said: "India is one of the leading sugar producing countries in the world and my opinion is, therefore, that we are in a very good position to build up a confectionery industry both for internal consumption and for export. This state especially is, I believe, particularly suited for sugar and confectionery production. There is great scope for expansion of this industry especially in this country.

"Incidentally I should imagine prohibition would bring increased business, for, if I may digress into a human sideline, I have noticed that the lack of liquor usually brings in a craving for sweets."

Dacoit Gang Rouded Up

JULLUNDUR, Feb. 14 (PTI): A gang of six notorious dacoits has been rounded up by PEPSU Police from a village near Kapurthala. They were wanted in connection with a number of dacoities committed in Amritsar, Jullundur, Hoshiarpur and Karnal Districts. Loaded pistols, rifles and large number of cartridges were recovered from their possession.

IN A CHINA SHOP

By Taurus

I HAVE received a very angry letter from a friend in New Delhi who feels that I have not done my bit for the country, for Indian womanhood and for the future of the nation. My sin is that I have not commented so far on the exclusion of Mrs. Rajendra Prasad from the inaugural procession of the first President. My fair correspondent puts the whole thing so beautifully and to-the-pointly that I am letting her usurp this space—besides, this is my lazy day.

"It has been the tradition of this country", she writes, "for the Head of the State to have his wife associated with him. Rama's coronation was rendered difficult for a long time because it was not possible to have Sita on the companion throne beside him. There are many other instances which could be cited to support this example. I need not recite them. Any good book on Indian history will tell you all you need to know.

"Coming to more recent times, India after freedom has given practical demonstration of her recognition of woman's place in national life. We have a Woman Minister at the Centre, a Woman Ambassador at one of the world's capitals, and we had a Woman Governor. Surely it would have only added to our stature if the first President's wife, the first lady in the land, had taken her rightful place in the ceremonies connected with the inauguration. Mrs. Rajendra Prasad might not be modern and eager for the limelight but that makes her the more representative of the people. I am aware of the fact that Dr. Rajendra Prasad not very long ago told enthusiasts for the Hindu Code that they should first convince his wife of the soundness of their cause. This might have induced the Government of India to make the ceremonies an exclusive honour to the President. But I would like to say that many wives of our distinguished public figures are "old-fashioned" but they have acquitted themselves with great dignity on public occasions when they have had to make an appearance. Here was an opportunity which might well have been fully used.

"Am I to take it that this is an indication of the place to be accorded to women in national life in Free India? You will probably tell me that the American precedent is there, that no one has heard of Mrs. De Valera at Eire's state functions or of the wives of many other heads of States. But need we follow these examples so scrupulously? I think an explanation is due of the grave omission."

Quite right, lady. But why pick on me? Anyway I have done my bit and passed on the demand.

TEA COMMITTEE

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14 (UPI): The Government of India have decided to set up a committee to enquire into the conditions of certain tea gardens in Cachar (Assam).

The decision has been taken in pursuance of the discussions held at New Delhi and Silchar, between Government and representatives of employers and workers of tea gardens.

The Committee will consist of Mr. S. K. Sinha, Chairman of the Central Tea Board as Chairman, two representatives each of employers and workers and one representative of the Government of Assam.

SECURING BETTER PRICE FOR COTTON GROWERS

Dr. P. Deshmukh On Object Of Central Marketing Body

HYDERABAD (Deccan), February 14, PTI).

DR. PANJABRAO DESHMUKH, M. P. Chairman of the Central Cotton Marketing Committee, said here today that the Committee was appointed by the India Government to explore the possibilities of securing a better price for the growers of cotton so that they might be persuaded to put in more labour and adopt improved methods of intensive cultivation in order to increase the yield.

Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh, however, pointed out that their object was not to eliminate the middlemen as such, but to minimise the media between the cultivator and the consumer.

Dr. Deshmukh was addressing a conference of officials of the State's agriculture, co-operative and marketing departments and representatives of cotton and textile trade in Hyderabad with the Cotton Marketing Committee, which arrived in Hyderabad this morning.

Non-officials present at the conference told the Committee that if control of cotton prices was to be made effective, the prices of "kapas" should also be controlled. They also thought that if cotton was de-controlled, the arrivals in the market "would certainly go up." One of them said that the area under cotton had dwindled partly because of the regulation restricting the cultivation of cash crops.

Hyderabad's Textile Commissioner told the Committee that the growers of superior variety of cotton could not get "their due prices and were naturally discouraged" because in fixing the prices of the different varieties of cotton the Government of India had classified certain superior varieties of Hyderabad cotton along with the "jarilla" variety.

BOON TO CULTIVATORS

The Chief Marketing Officer in Hyderabad said that the principal markets of agricultural produce had been regulated in the State and this had proved a boon to the cultivators in so far as they received higher value for their produce.

Another State Government official said that certain societies in Nanded and Raichur were marketing cotton on a co-operative basis, adding that the Co-operative Department in the State was preparing a scheme for encouraging co-operative marketing of other agricultural commodities also, such as oil seeds.

The Agricultural Department in Hyderabad had been trying to maintain the purity of certain improved varieties of cotton which had been evolved in Hyderabad in co-operation with the Indian Central Cotton Committee, said the Deputy Director of Agricultural Department. He added that unless higher prices were fixed for these varieties, there would be no incentive left to the cultivator to grow this particular variety.

MUTT AND JEFF—You Must Remember, Jeff Was Born In California Before Hollywood — By BUD FISHER

LADY, WE'RE WORKIN' OUR WAY THROUGH LIFE! WILL YOU BUY SOME LITTLE ARTICLE, PLEASE!
SORRY, I DON'T WANT ANYTHING!
HOW ABOUT A SMALL BOX OF CANDY?
SORRY, I DON'T EAT SWEETS!
A PACKAGE OF GUM OR CIGARETTES?
I DON'T SMOKE OR CHEW!
HOW 'BOUT A BOTTLE OF INK?
SORRY, I NEVER WRITE!
HOW ABOUT A BAR OF SOAP?
WHAT T'HECK! I MADE THE SALE—DIDN'T I?
MISTER

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